



Rules - 2013 New York Grain Corn and Soybean Yield Contests



Soybeans

Eligibility: Any farmer who grows more than 10 acres of soybeans in New York state is eligible. Test area blocks- two acres in one block (ex.: 180'x484'= 2 acres)- to be selected by the grower. For convenience, the test area may be measured after harvest by the contest supervisor. The harvested area must be exclusive of headlands and outside rows.

Participants must use non-irrigated soybeans, but are not restricted as to variety, fertilization, spacing or other cultural practices. There will be four classes of beans based upon maturity group (0, 1, 2, & 3).

Judging and Prizes: The NYCSGA Yield Contest Committee will determine the winners for each maturity group based on soybean yields at 13% moisture. First place in each maturity group (0,1,2, &3) in each of the five regions (West, Finger Lakes, Central, East & North) will receive special recognition and plaques at the 2014 Corn & Soybean expo. Grand Champion (across all maturity groups) will win a trip for two to the 2014 Commodity Classic in San Antonio TX. (no substitutions, includes registration, travel & hotel). Overall 2nd & 3rd place winners will be awarded \$250 & \$100 respectively.

Corn

Eligibility: Designated fields must be at least 10 acres of the same hybrid number with 1.25 continuous acres to be harvested from each field and accurately weighed in the presence of an unbiased supervisor. The harvested area must be exclusive of headlands and outside rows, and include more than one pass across the field. The originally entered hybrid number must be the same hybrid number that is reported on the Harvest Report Form.

Judging and Prizes: The NYCSGA Yield Contest Committee will determine winners for each region based on corn grain yields at 15% moisture. Any plots that yield more than 250 bushels per acre of grain must have a second contiguous 1.25 acres harvested and weighed. The second 1.25 acres must adjoin the first harvest area. The average of the two yields from the two harvested areas will be considered the final yield.

First, second & third place winners in each of the five regions will receive special recognition and plaques at the 2014 Corn & Soybean Expo. This year, the overall Grand Champion will also receive a trip for two to the 2014 Commodity Classic in San Antonio TX (no substitutions, includes registration, travel & hotel). The 2nd & 3rd place overall winners will receive \$250 & \$100 respectively.



Soybean yield contest is funded through the New York soybean checkoff.



NCGA Yield Contest: Entrants in the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Yield Contest who are also entrants in the NYCSGA Yield Contest may use the NCGA Harvest Report Form to determine the contest yield. If using the NCGA Harvest Report Form, the NCGA Rules and procedures will apply in determining the final yield.

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All decisions of the Contest Committee are final. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry without refund for violation of the stated rules and harvest procedures. Contest entrants will be notified in December 2013 of the final yields and contest placements. The winners will be recognized at the 2014 NYCSGA Corn & Soybean Expo in Syracuse on January 30.

FSA Representative: The unbiased contest supervisor may be a NRCS, SWCD staff person, Extension agent, farm lending institution representative, FFA or vocational ag instructor, private crop consultant, state/private college agricultural staff member, FSA crop insurance agent, or retiree from one of these occupations. A supervisor may have no financial or direct business ties to a company selling agri-business supplies.

Contest supervisors are responsible for overseeing all computations and field measurements and must be present during harvesting, weighing and moisture testing. Weighing of all entries must be calibrated on approved certified scales or weigh wagon.

The applicant must completely fill out the Harvest Report Form (s) and attach the weigh ticket(s) along with the moisture percent information or moisture ticket. The unbiased supervisor must sign off on the completed Harvest Report Form(s). The completed Harvest Report Form(s) must be sent to Mike Stanyard at the address listed on the other side of this form within 7 days of the harvest date or no later than December 1, 2013, whichever date is earlier.

The NYCSGA has the right to publicize any information about any contest participant including their address, photo, and information on production practices. In addition, all soybean contest participants' contact information will be furnished to the Soybean Export Council for the purpose of seed protein and oil research that may be conducted by the Council.