

Comparing Michigan Yields from 1990-1994 to 2000-2004:

- Michigan Corn Yields have increased over 8.4 percent!
- Michigan Wheat Yields have increased over 35.1 percent!
- Michigan soybean yields have *decreased* over 8.7 percent!

The goals of this contest are to augment the Soybean 2010 project and to focus attention on agronomic and management skills for the purposes of increasing soybean yields and profitability!



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Attention To All Michigan Soybean Farmers

- Increase soybean yields and profitability
- Yield contest is open to all Michigan soybean farmers
- Be rewarded and recognized for high yields
- Contest class winners will be recognized at the 2008 Michigan Soybean Association annual meeting



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2008 Michigan Soybean Yield Contest



Sponsored by the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee and Michigan State University Extension



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1. The entry fee is \$25.00 for all Michigan soybean farmers.
2. All farmers that complete the contest will receive \$50.00 in Soy Biodiesel Bucks certificates.
3. Limit of two entries per farmer.
4. Entries will be grouped by soybean maturity. The five entry classes are listed below:
Group III Irrigated
Group III non-irrigated
Group II irrigated
Group II non-irrigated
Group I
5. Application forms and complete contest rules will be mailed to interested farmers after June 1.
6. The contest application form and entry fee will be due by August 1, 2008.
7. The minimum field size is five acres and the harvest area must be at least two acres.
8. Harvest must be witnessed by an MSU Extension educator, FFA advisor, lender, farm manager or other impartial witness. Seed, fertilizer or chemical company representatives cannot sign the harvest form.

Why a Soybean Yield Contest?

1. Provide a fun incentive for Michigan farmers to increase soybean yields.
2. Use the contest to increase farmer attention to the agronomics of soybean production in Michigan.
3. Share the information learned by the participants to help all farmers raise higher yielding and more profitable soybeans through the Soybean 2010 project.

Prizes

- Each class winner will receive up to \$1,000.00 reimbursement for expenses to the 2009 Commodity Classic in Dallas, Texas from February 26 through February 28.
- Each class winner receives a trophy suitable for the farm office.
- Soybean seed and other prizes provided by participating seed companies and other partners.
- Prizes will be awarded at the 2008 Michigan Soybean Association annual meeting.

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Who is eligible to enter?

All Michigan soybean farmers.

Questions:

Contact the Monroe County MSU Extension Office at (734) 240-3170.

To receive an entry form:

Fill in the information requested below and mail or fax it using the address or fax number listed below:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

Zip_____

County_____

Phone_____

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