

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 Michigan Soybean Checkoff **SMaRT** project and to focus attention on farmer agronomic and management skills for the purposes of increasing on-farm soybean yields and profitability!



Attention To All Michigan Soybean Farmers

- Increase soybean yields and profitability in Michigan.
- Yield contest is open to all Michigan soybean farmers.
- Be rewarded and recognized for high yields. Hear from the winning farmers at the awards meeting.
- Contest class winners will be recognized at a soybean meeting to be announced.



2012 Michigan Soybean Yield Contest



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Michigan Soybean Promotion
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1. The fee per entry is \$25.00 for all Michigan soybean farmers.
2. All farmers that complete the contest will receive the prizes listed.
3. Limit of two entries per farmer.
4. Entries will be grouped by soybean maturity. The five entry classes are listed below:
Class A: Group III Non-Irrigated
Class B: Group III Irrigated
Class C: Group II Non-Irrigated
Class D: Group II Irrigated
Class E: Group I
5. Planting forms and complete contest rules will be mailed to interested farmers by August 1, 2012.
6. The contest planting form and entry fee will be due by August 31, 2012.
7. The minimum field size is five acres and the harvest area must be at least two acres. Only one entry per field is permitted.
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 SMaRT project.

Prizes

- Each class winner will receive up to \$1,000.00 reimbursement for expenses to the 2013 Commodity Classic in Kissimmee, FL from February 28 through March 2, 2013.
- Each class winner will also receive a trophy suitable for the farm office and a personalized winter jacket.
- Everyone who completes the contest will receive a personalized hat, \$50 in biodiesel bucks and can have their entry fee applied to a 2013 MSA membership.
- Prizes will be awarded at a soybean meeting to be announced.

2012 Michigan Soybean Yield Contest Entry Form

Who is eligible to enter?

All Michigan soybean farmers.

Questions:

Contact Ned Birkey at Spartan Agricultural Consulting, LLC.

Phone: 734-260-3442

Email: birkey@msu.edu

Fill in the information requested below and send it to Ned Birkey at the Spartan Agricultural Consulting office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

County _____

Phone _____

Spartan Agricultural Consulting, LLC
PO Box 57, Ida, MI 48140-0057

The entry fee is \$25.00 per entry. Checks made payable to Spartan Agricultural Consulting can be included with this form or sent with the planting form before August 31, 2012.