

## The Soybean Checkoff is investing in you.

Delaware farmers plant about 180,000 acres of soybeans each year, and the crop generates approximately \$60 million in value to the state.

The board is led by volunteer farmers dedicated to responsibly investing each checkoff dollar to the greatest return on investment for all soybean farmers. The checkoff works with partners in the value chain to identify and capture opportunities that increase farmer profit potential.



*Congratulations to Fred Stites, who received the Soybean Yield Contest Award for the state high of 78.81 bushel soybeans.*

### Yield Contest

**STATE WINNER TOPS 78 BUSHELS/ACRE**

Fred Stites of Kent County had the state's top 2018 soybean yield with 78.81 bushels per acre of full season soybeans. The field was no-till and Stites used Pioneer P35T58 seed.

Mark Collins of Sussex County won the statewide double crop competition with 67.98 bushels per acre. Collins planted Dekalb 4135 following corn, which had been cover cropped with rye.

The contest was created by the Delaware Soybean Board to gather data on practices incorporated in producing high soybean yields while recognizing the individuals who have achieved such yields. The goal is for the information gathered in the contest to help increase yields for all farmers across the state.

Full contest information and results summary can be found on the DSB website. The state winners in full season and double crop categories received \$1,000 and each county winner received \$250.



#### Production Research

To improve the profitability of growers, applied research is supported results shared through Delaware Ag Week exhibit and sponsorship of Soybean/Agronomy Day, "Focus on Soybean" webcasts, field days and the Soybean Yield Contest. 2019 research funded included: Approaches for Palmer Amaranth Control, Mark VanGessel & Kurt Vollmer, UDE; Crop Scouting using Aerial Imagery, Jarrod Miller, UDE; Reducing Deer Damage to Corn using Forage Soybean as Biological Fencing, Jason Wight, UMD; Survey & Baseline Fungicide Sensitivities of Fungal pathogens in Soybean Production, Alyssa Koehler, UDE; Irrigated Full Season Soybean Response to Nitrogen, Sulfur and Complete Fertility Programs, Cory Whaley, James Adkins, Philip Sylvester & Jarrod Miller, UDE; Impact of Cover Crop Species on Natural Enemies of Slugs in Soybean, Ivan Hiltbold, UDE.



#### Animal Agriculture

As the animal industry is the largest market for local soybeans, the checkoff supported poultry buffer management, 4-H Youth livestock shows, and partnered with U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance on projects such as 30 Harvests and Farm, Food Facts podcast to promote understanding of animal production.



#### Consumer Education

Through the Delaware State Fair exhibit, CommonGround events, biotech and new technology training, support was given for initiatives that improve consumers' knowledge of farming utilizing the latest consumer research from the Center for Food Integrity.



#### Emerging Markets

Sales for biofuels is increasing due to work of the National Biodiesel Board. The World Initiative for Soy in Human Health has increased exports to Africa, Asia and Central America. Support for these activities has expanded soybean sales.



#### Technology

The DSB Pay Dirt blog offers insightful information with a local perspective. Find the latest results of research at [soybeanresearchdata.com](http://soybeanresearchdata.com).



#### Regulation Information

What regulations apply to your farm? The checkoff offers a summary of federal, state and local regulations, available at [desoybeans.org](http://desoybeans.org) under the Regulations tab.

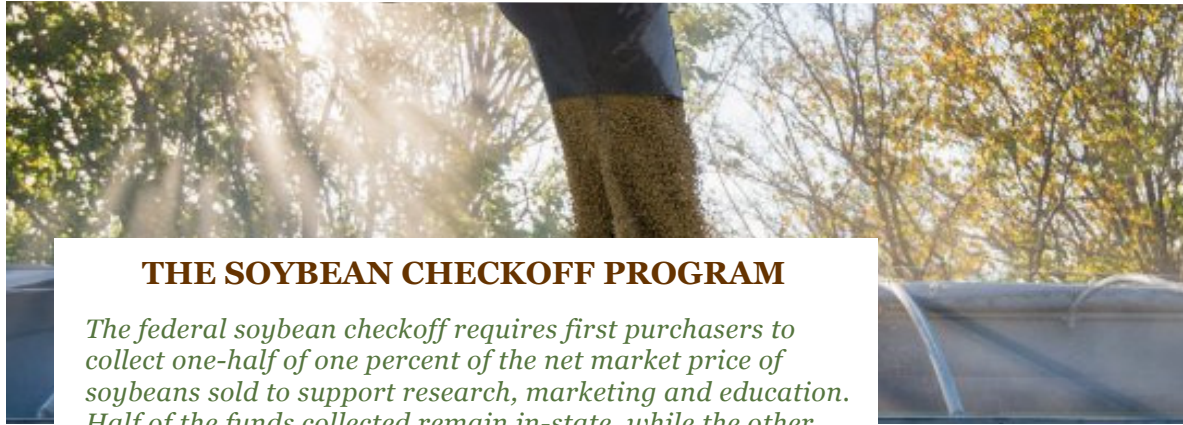




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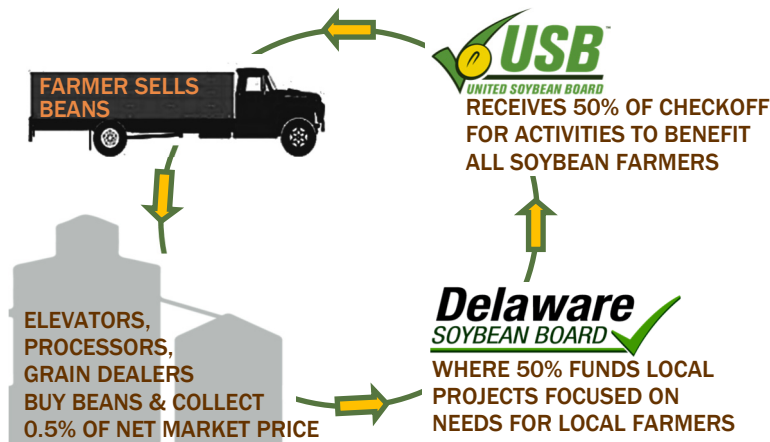
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Long-term resistance management requires more than pest control aimed only at minimizing crop loss in one season. Developed for soybean farmers with the soy checkoff, resistance management resources are here to help create an effective plan of action.



## THE SOYBEAN CHECKOFF PROGRAM

*The federal soybean checkoff requires first purchasers to collect one-half of one percent of the net market price of soybeans sold to support research, marketing and education. Half of the funds collected remain in-state, while the other half fund projects on a national and international scale.*



## BOARD WELCOMES DANIELLE BAUER

*"I believe strongly in the role our checkoff programs play in the success of our farmers," said Danielle Bauer, who joined DSB as Executive Director on October 1. "We want to provide the best resources and services to our farmers, and I am thankful to have the opportunity to meet that mission every day."*



### New Castle County

Mike Clay, Middletown, Vice-Chair  
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## FY19 CHECKOFF FUNDS

During the fiscal year of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, the Delaware Soybean Board collected \$306,760 in assessments.

One half of these funds were disbursed to the United Soybean Board. The balance is managed by the Delaware Soybean Board and invested in local research, communication, promotion and special projects. Program implementation expenses cover collection, compliance, elevator audits and Board operations.

*An audited report is available upon request.*

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