



Our Priorities

Production Research.

We support research for soybean farmers to have the most current information to protect their crops and the environment.

Animal Agriculture.

Our goal is to see that poultry and livestock production is welcome and its value understood in Maryland.

Emerging Markets.

We promote the use of soy-based products, such as biodiesel and bioheat, and their recognition as superior products.

Farmers Engagement.

We offer opportunities and training for farmers to engage in consumer education, public outreach, and farm organization involvement.

Consumer Education.

We strive to be a trusted source of information for consumers on the viability and sustainability of Maryland's soybean farmers.

Careers In Agriculture.

We seek to increase agriculture and plant science graduates and promote agricultural education and careers in agriculture.

Share The Road.

We promote safe transportation of agricultural products and equipment on Maryland roadways.

Maryland Soybean Board

The Maryland Soybean Board works to maximize the profitability of Maryland soybean producers by investing Maryland checkoff funds for research, marketing and education. The national checkoff, directed by United Soybean Board, began in 1991.

The Maryland Soybean Board (MSB) directs the soybean checkoff program within the state. MSB's Board of Directors is made up of ten soybean farmers, each appointed for a three-year term, along with ex-officio members representing agribusiness, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the University of Maryland.

Directors represent local soybean farmers as they serve on the board. Travel may include attending local activities and outreach, leadership, and trade opportunities at the national level.

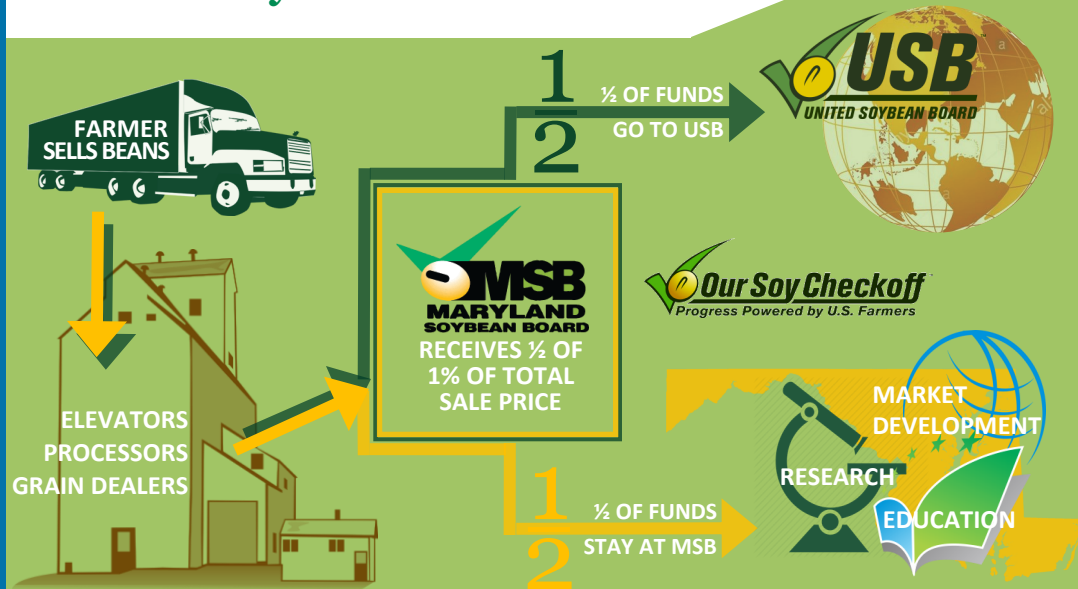
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How the Soybean Checkoff Works



The MSB is financed through Maryland soybeans sold. When a grower sells soybeans, the first purchaser collects .005 (1/2 of one percent) of the net market value of the soybeans sold. The assessments are then sent to MSB, which keeps half the funds for research, marketing and education projects on behalf of Maryland soybean farmers. MSB sends half of the dollars collected to the United Soybean Board, which conducts national and international research, marketing and education.

Checkoff Research

“The Board focuses on investing checkoff dollars in projects to address local, current issues,” stated Joshua Appenzeller, MSB research chair. “Grants are selected based on research priority and making a positive impact to operations for Maryland soybean farmers.”

Current soybean research projects include:

- Aerial Application of Pesticides & Cover Crop Seeding Using Drones, Andrew Kness and Erika Crowl, University of Maryland Extension
- Developing an Interactive Web App for Calculating Soybean Crop Budgets, Alan Leslie, Benjamin Beale and Shannon Dill, University of Maryland Extension
- Effects of Planting Population on Yield in Full Season Soybeans, Kelly Nichols, University of Maryland Extension
- Efficacy of Seed Treatments to Manage Soilborne Pathogens of Soybean, Alyssa Koehler and Jake Jones, University of Delaware Plant and Soil Sciences
- Evaluating Novel Herbicide Tolerant Traits in MD Soybean Systems, Benjamin Beale and Alan Leslie, University of Maryland Extension
- Evaluation of Growth-Promoting Products for Soybean Production in Maryland, Andrew Kness, University of Maryland Extension
- Evaluation of Miravis for Soybean Production in Maryland, Andrew Kness, University of Maryland Extension
- Fertilizing Cover Crops – Do You have to Put Some In to Get More Out? Ray Weil and Jim Lewis, University of Maryland Environmental Science and Technology
- Identification of New Sources of Resistance/Tolerance of *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* among Soybean Germoplasm Showing Resistance to *Phytophthora sojae*, Kathryn Everts and Behnam Khatabi, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Managing Herbicide Resistant Common Ragweed Emergence and Growth in Soybean, Sarah Hirsh, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Novel Resistance to *Cercospora* Leaf Blight & Purple Seed Stain of Soybean, Behnam Khatabi and Burt Bluhm, University of Maryland Eastern Shore Agriculture, Food and Resource Sciences
- Phosphorus Runoff from No-till Soils – Do Cover Crops Make it Better or Worse? Ray Weil, University of Maryland Environmental Science and Technology
- Planting Green – Extending the Growing Season to Get More Payback from Cover Crops, Ray Weil, University of Maryland Environmental Science and Technology
- Reducing Deer Damage to Soybean Using Forage Soybean as Biological Fencing, Jason Wight and Bo Zhang, University of Maryland Plant Science
- State Soybean Variety Testing: Benchmark Varieties, Jason Wight, University of Maryland Plant Science
- Strategies for Reduced Herbicide Input and Herbicide Resistant Weed Control in Soybean, Kurt Vollmer, University of Maryland Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Study the Occurrence and Distribution of Viruses Infecting Soybean from Delmarva, Behnam Khatabi, University of Maryland Eastern Shore Agriculture, Food and Resource Sciences

Want to know more? Visit the national soybean research and information network for all checkoff project results at: <https://soybeanresearchinfo.com>

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

The Maryland Soybean Board (MSB) focuses on educational messages and activities aimed toward farmers, influencers, consumers and youth.


- **Animal Agriculture:** Membership to the Animal Agriculture Alliance, Rebranding and Promoting Delmarva’s Chicken Community through the Delmarva Chicken Association (DCA), Sponsorship of 4-H youth livestock shows.
- **Consumer Education:** “Find Me Driving” road Safety Campaign, “Just the Beginning...the Life of a Young Sprout” booklets, Maryland Agricultural Education Outreach through the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation (MAEF), Maryland Farm & Harvest television series, MaxCareers.Info website, Membership to the Center for Food Integrity, MidAtlantic CommonGround, My Maryland Farmers website and social media campaign.
- **Emerging Markets:** Building brand new export markets through the World Initiative for Human Health (WISHH), National Biodiesel Board Membership, Northeast State Regulatory and Technical Biodiesel Support.
- **Farmer Engagement:** Elevator Signage about the checkoff program, LEAD Maryland Program, Maryland Commodity Classic, and other local sponsorships.



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