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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.

Board of Directors

Joshua Appenzeller, *Chair*, Sudlersville

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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

“Through the funding of these projects, we aim to fulfill our mission of increasing the profitability of Maryland soybean farmers,” said Maryland Soybean Board Research Chair Josh Appenzeller. “The projects selected for funding address local issues that will positively impact farmer’s operations.”

Current soybean research projects include:

- Efficacy of Herbicides, Timing, and Tank Mixes on Novel Herbicide Tolerant Traits In MD Soybean Systems
Benjamin Beale, University of Maryland Extension
- Evaluating Drone for Cover Crop Seeding and Pesticide Applications
Andrew Kness, University of Maryland Extension
- Evaluating Earlier Planting Dates for Increased Soybean Yields
Nicole Fiorellino, University of Maryland Extension
- Evaluating Soybean Variety Performance and Response to Deer Grazing
Luke Macauley, University of Maryland Extension
- Evaluation of Growth-Promoting Products 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, University of Maryland
- Field Evaluation of Resistance Sources for Management of Soybean Cyst Nematode
Alyssa Koehler, University of Delaware
- Phosphorus Runoff from No-Till Soils – Do Cover Crops Make it Better or Worse?
Ray Weil, University of Maryland
- Planting Green – Extending the Growing Season to Get More Payback from Cover Crops
Ray Weil, University of Maryland
- Salt Tolerance in Soybean
Naveen Kumar Dixit, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Soybean Fungicide Efficacy, Profitability, and Pest Resistance Over Time
Andrew Kness, University of Maryland Extension
- Strategies for Controlling Herbicide Resistant Common Ragweed in Maryland
Sarah Hirsh, University of Maryland Extension

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, sponsorship of 4-H youth livestock shows, and sponsorship of Delmarva Shorebirds (thankachicken.com).
- **Consumer Education**
MaxCareers.Info website, “Just the Beginning...the Life of a Young Sprout” booklets, soybean education in Maryland schools, rural road safety campaign, MidAtlantic CommonGround, Grain Bin Safety Week, My Maryland Farmers website and social media campaign, and Maryland Farm & Harvest television series.
- **Emerging Markets**
Membership to the National Biodiesel Board, Northeast state regulatory and technical biodiesel support, trailblazing brand new export markets for U.S. soy, and soy energy exhibit.
- **Farmer Engagement**
Maryland Commodity Classic, LEAD Maryland Program, Soybean Leadership Academy, Tractor College, and other local sponsorships.




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