



## 2025 Maryland Soybean Yield Contest

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Maryland Soybean Yield Contest is to gather data on practices incorporated in producing high soybean yields while recognizing the individuals who have achieved such yields.

**Eligibility:** Any grower with a contest area (field) located entirely in the state of Maryland. Directors of the Maryland Soybean Board are eligible to participate.

**Categories:** A state winner will be awarded for *full season*, *double crop*, and *dryland* production. Any production method such as tillage and irrigation may be used for full season or double crop categories. Only one full season and one double crop entry per farmer will be accepted.

### Rules\*:

1. Application and payment of \$30/entry must be submitted. Checks should be made payable to the Maryland Soybean Board, PO Box 387, Cordova, MD 21625. Credit card payments can be made at <https://www.mdsoy.com/maryland-soybean-yield-contest/>.
2. Two acres in one block (example: 180' x 484' = 2 acres) within the physical boundaries of Maryland shall be selected by the grower. Test area may be measured after the check. Harvested area must include complete passes through the field.
3. A designated supervising agent\*\* (cannot be the grower, an employee of or relative of the grower, or anyone affiliated with industry supplier or sales of ag products) shall:
  - a. Measure the test area
  - b. Be present when the test area is harvested
  - c. Supervise weighing on state-inspected scales or approved weigh station (*a weigh wagon can be used on site if needed*)
  - d. Attach original weight ticket (no copy) to harvest report form
  - e. Sign the report form and retain a copy for your records
4. Moisture content shall be obtained on a state-approved moisture meter.
5. Yields will be calculated on the basis of USDA No. 1 soybeans. Yields will be corrected on the basis of 13% moisture and 1% foreign matter.

6. All yields exceeding 90 bushels are required to be rechecked. Recheck must come from a continuous 2 acres directly adjacent to the original check. Supervising agent must be present for the recheck and use the same procedures as the original check. Results of recheck will be used as the official contest entry. Failure to recheck will disqualify entry.
7. Double crop soybeans must be planted after another crop, such as wheat, rye, peas or other crop
8. All yield checks **must** be completed by **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

**Publicity:** Applicants agree to share production information. Production practices used by participants may be published. Winners agree to their photo being used in Maryland Soybean Board communications.

**Awards:** Contest winners will be announced in January, and will be recognized at the Maryland Commodity Classic event on July 23, 2026, at the Queen Anne's 4-H Park in Centreville, MD.

✓ STATE DRY LAND	\$1,000
✓ STATE FULL SEASON	\$1,000
✓ STATE DOUBLE CROP	\$1,000

*\*If requested, the entrant agrees to provide records to the Maryland Soybean Board of his or her methods of handling and preparing the land; cultivation and weed control methods; insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, fertilizers, and rates of the same that are used; the brand and variety of seed, seed rating; date of planting, row width and date of harvesting; and if an irrigator, the time of irrigation, amount of each application and whether a sprinkler or flow-on system.*

*\*\*The designated supervising agents appointed by the Maryland Soybean Board for 2025 are University of Maryland Extension Agents, or USDA or Soil Conservation District employees. Please call your local office to coordinate a harvest check with a designated supervisor.*