

2025 PALMETTO SOYBEAN YIELD CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Palmetto Soybean Yield Contest is to recognize growers who produce high yields, to gather data on the practices used by these outstanding producers, and to disseminate that information to growers across the state.

ELIGIBILITY: Any grower producing 10 or more contiguous acres of soybeans in South Carolina is eligible to participate. The contest area must be located entirely within South Carolina. A grower may make more than one entry but will be eligible for only one award in each contest. Growers who wish to evaluate an entire field are encouraged to do so. There are no restrictions on cultural or management practices used.

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS:

FIELD MEASUREMENTS: The field or portion of a field entered must be one contiguous area with a minimum size of 3.0 acres, and composed of a three- or four-sided figure, with all sides being straight lines. All measurements must be made with a measuring tape or wheel and recorded to the nearest foot. For maximum accuracy, a single diagonal measured from one corner of the plot to the opposite corner would be helpful and is to the advantage of the entering County Agent and grower but is not required. If measuring the diagonal of a 4-sided figure is impractical, the diagonal can be calculated by measuring 3 sides of a triangle (100 ft minimum) measured in one of the corners of the 4-sided figure. In measuring, plot width should be measured from the first harvested row on the left to the first unharvested row on the right (this process accounts for the ½ row width on either side of the harvested area which must be included in the final calculation of yield). Measurements are to be made by a County Extension Agent.

YIELD DETERMINATION: At least one County Extension Agent must be present at harvest and weighing of the yield. The County Extension Agent may supervise the harvest, accompany the load of soybeans from the measured contest area to the scales area (e.g., the line waiting to unload at the elevator), and accept the verification of the person operating the scales that the weight ticket submitted to that member is the accurate weight of the load of soybeans that the County Extension Agent accompanied to the scales area, and that nothing has been done in the County Extension Agent's absence to alter the weight of that load of soybeans.

IDENTIFICATION OF PRACTICES: Each entry is to be accompanied by a completely filled out "Summary of Production Practices" form, which will be used to gather valuable data for grower education.

REQUIREMENTS - MUST BE CALCULATED AS INSTRUCTED OR ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

1. A minimum of three acres must be harvested from a contiguous area. Wide-row soybeans plots must be measured from the first harvested row on the left to the first un-harvested rows on the right. Measurements must be taken with a tape, measuring wheel, or GPS plot system. Agronomic data shall be recorded on **Form A**.
2. Field measurements and yield data **must be verified by a county extension agent**. The producer and county agent must sign and return the certification form. Harvest data and certification shall be recorded and certified on **Form B**.
3. The harvested yield must be weighed on certified scales or a weigh wagon, corrected to 13% moisture and converted to bushels per acre. Records of weight and moisture must be submitted with the entry. This data shall be recorded on **Form B**.
4. Any type of mechanical means of applying water to the soil, either surface or subsurface, will be classified as irrigation.

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APPLICATIONS

The application and certification form can be obtained from the SC Corn & Soybean Association, or your county extension agent. Only official forms will be accepted and they must be filled out completely and submitted with original records.

NOTE: APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED & CALCULATED AS INSTRUCTED, OR ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

Growers should submit their application and certification form to their county extension agents, who will compile and forward all applications and certification forms NO LATER than 5:00PM on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Submissions will be accepted electronically by Jay Crouch at alfredc@clermson.edu or via mail to:

**Newberry County Extension Office
ATTN: Jay Crouch
1860 Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108**

Membership in SCCSA is not required to enter the yield contest; however, a special discounted membership of \$60 (a savings of \$40) is offered with contest entry. Entry for members is complimentary.

ENTRY PROCESSING FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS IS \$60.00. IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED AS A MEMBER AT TIME OF SUBMISSION AND DO NOT INCLUDE ENTRY FEE, YOUR SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

(See Form A for more information.)

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YIELD CONTEST AWARDS

State Champion – highest yield in state, regardless of irrigation practices

- \$500 cash
- Award Plaque
- One set (four tires) of [Soybean Oil-based Goodyear Tires](#):
 - Goodyear Assurance WeatherReady
 - Goodyear Assurance ComfortDrive
 - Goodyear Eagle Exhilarate
 - *NOTE: Maximum value of \$1,800; tires must be ordered and paid for directly by the SC Corn and Soybean Association.*
- Learn more about the soy checkoff's role in the creation of [soy-biobased tires](#).
- *Note: State Champion is not eligible for Division Awards*

Division I: Irrigated Soybeans

- 1st Place Highest Yield:
 - \$500 cash
 - Award Plaque
- 2nd Place Highest Yield:
 - \$250 cash
 - Award Plaque

Division II: Non-irrigated Soybeans

- 1st Place Highest Yield:
 - \$500 cash
 - Award Plaque
- 2nd Place Highest Yield:
 - \$250 cash
 - Award Plaque

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FORM B – Harvest Report and Certification of Yield

Harvest date: _____

Total Soybean Acreage Farmed: _____ Acreage in Contest Field _____

Measured Acreage in Contest (to three decimal places) _____ Total Yield (lbs) _____

% Moisture (three readings to two decimal places) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ Avg. _____

Calculation of certified yield:

Official Yield = LBS X [(100 - %MC) / 87] / (Acres) (60lbs per bu.)

Calculated Official Yield _____

Example, assume: 8,434lbs was harvested from 3.221 acres with average moisture of 14.51%.

Calculated Yield= 8,434 X [(100 - 14.51) / 87] / (3.221) / (60) = 42.88 Bu/Ac

Certification :

I do certify that the date submitted and the yield obtained is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the rules for the South Carolina Soybean Yield Contest and believe all the information presented is in accordance with these rules.

Official Yield

Agent/Supervisor Name: _____ E-Mail: _____
Please print

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____
County Agent

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Producer/Contest Entrant

Please submit completed forms by Wednesday, December 10, 2025, by:
1. Email/scan a clear, unobstructed photo to Jay Crouch at alfredc@clermson.edu
2. By mail to: Newberry County Extension Office

ATTN: Jay
Crouch 1860
Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108