Alabama Soybean 100-Bushel Yield Challenge Rules

Entrants must grow soybeans in Alabama

Contest entry must be at least 10 continuous acres. Contestant may select the best 10 acres in a soybean field actually larger than 10 acres and enter this area. The entry can be anywhere in Alabama. The land entered in the Contest must be owned or leased by the entrant. Either dryland or irrigated fields can be entered. Only one entry per producer can be accepted.

Directors of the Alabama Soybean Producers and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter.

**Supervisor Eligibility Qualifications**

The supervisor(s) names must be entered on the Entry Form along with their title, address, telephone number and e-mail address before the entry can be accepted. The supervisors are responsible for overseeing all computations and field measurements and must be present during harvesting, weighing, and moisture testing as required by these rules. The entrant is responsible for mailing the completed form with signatures to Dr. Dennis Delaney.

A supervisor or assistant cannot be related to the contestant, be a seed representative, chemical dealer or be an employee, employer, manager or consultant of the contestant or of his farm.

**Review of Field Requirements:**

From a field of soybeans 10 or more acres in size the entrant shall select a plot of 10 or more acres of soybeans, of which no part has been harvested. The contest area may be any shape, but must be in one continuous block of soybeans.

- Entrants, and Supervisors, are responsible for giving accurate row lengths for odd shaped plots.
- All end rows/turning rows and the equal number of outermost rows on each side may not be a part of the selected 10 acre contest plot.
- A total of 5 or more acres must be harvested from the contest plot for the initial yield check.

One combine header width shall be harvested, then one header width skipped, another header width harvested with the next header width skipped and so on until 5 or more acres have been harvested. The remaining skipped header widths (5 acres or more) should be left unharvested for recheck.

**Supervisors:**
Supervisor(s) approved on your Entry Confirmation may complete the initial check. Only supervisors meeting the following qualifications can be approved:

• Regional Extension Agent or County Extension Coordinator
• (NRCS) Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees
• (FSA) Farm Service Agency CED/Loan Manager/Officer
• (SWCD) Soil & Water Conservation District Employees
• Farm Credit Services Officer
• Bank Ag Loan Officer
• Private Crop Consultant or Agronomist
• College of Agriculture Instructor
• Crop Insurance Agents/Adjustors
• Anyone who is retired from one of these positions

Supervisors cannot be the following:

• Anyone that has a financial or direct business tie to a company that sells agribusiness supplies (Seed or Chemical reps, Farm Equipment salesmen, etc.)
• An employee or relative of the contest entrant
• The contest entrant

The supervisors are responsible for:

• Must be present during harvesting, weighing (gross and tare) and moisture testing
• Field measurements
• Completing all computations

Before beginning harvest, the supervisor(s) must have the entrant run his combine and the transfer auger empty to make certain no soybeans have been left in it by mistake. All wagons or trucks used must be checked to make certain they are empty.

The entrant is responsible for mailing the information to Dr. Dennis Delaney.
If the initial yield check shows an adjusted yield of 100 bu/A or more, the Supervisor must contact the State 100-bushel Challenge Committee to allow a recheck. The State Committee will appoint a different set of three independent supervisors, including at least one Regional Extension Agent, Extension Specialist, or Auburn University College of Agriculture employee. The recheck will be conducted on the unharvested strips using the same guidelines as the initial harvest, as soon as possible to minimize crop deterioration and field losses. The Recheck yield calculations will be the final numbers used for the contest.

**Harvest Report Forms:**

The contest entry must be harvested in accordance with the harvest procedures.

Harvest Report Forms are required to be completed and sent to Dr. Dennis Delaney the earlier of:

- Postmarked no later than seven days after the supervised yield check per individual entry is taken or no later than November 21, whichever is sooner.

- Be sure to allow enough time in mailing your Harvest Report Form so that the seven-day deadline can be met.

- Dr. Delaney will contact harvest supervisors to validate compliance with contest rules.