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## **Keynote Speaker Announced for 2017 Winter Corn and Soybean Congress**

*Conference features the latest cutting-edge information for Pennsylvania corn and soybean growers*

**HARRISBURG, PA (December 28, 2016)** – John McGillicuddy, a noted agronomist based in Iowa City, Iowa, has been named as the keynote speaker for the 2017 Winter Corn and Soybean Congress.

McGillicuddy will address issues related to corn and soybean production from an agronomist's point of view. His company, McGillicuddy Corrigan Agronomics, is dedicated to enhancing personal agronomic skills so farmers can make their own informed decisions. They believe that farmers will always be the best agronomist on their farm because they are there every day and it is their money that is on the line.

McGillicuddy was educated in Chemistry at the University of Iowa and has been employed for 35 years in hybrid and fertility research, field agronomy, technical support, and weed science. He has served as a regional development agronomist for two seed companies and was the Director of Agronomic Research for IGF Crop Insurance.

Industry experts and university educators will also discuss current trends that will impact Pennsylvania farming operations. In addition, exhibitors will showcase their latest advancements in an ag trade show that runs throughout the day.

Early registration for the 2017 Winter Corn & Soybean Congress, slated for February 23, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, Pa., ends February 15. Cost is \$15/person before February 15. Registration after February 15 is \$20/person. Lunch is provided and credits are available.

Register by calling the Pennsylvania Soybean Board at 717-651-5922 or email [contact@pasoybean.org](mailto:contact@pasoybean.org). **Online registration** is also available by going to the "Events" tab at the Pa. Soybean Board website at [www.pasoybean.org](http://www.pasoybean.org). (A small additional credit card processing fee is added for online registrations.)

Doors open for registration and refreshments at 7:00 a.m. Attendees are also invited to visit with exhibitors throughout the day and register to win a YETI cooler.

The Winter Corn and Soybean Congress is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Soybean Board and the Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association.

**About the Pennsylvania Soybean Board**

The [Pennsylvania Soybean Board](#) is a farmer-controlled Board responsible for managing Pennsylvania's share of funds received from the nationwide Soybean Checkoff program. The funding is available under an assessment program, approved by Congress in 1990, under which soybean farmers contribute 50 cents of every \$100 they receive for their beans at the first point of sale. Funds are used to develop markets, educate consumers, and research new ways to utilize and produce soybeans more efficiently. For more information, visit [www.pasoybean.org](http://www.pasoybean.org).

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