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## **WANTED! Cooperators for On-Farm Network Soybean Research**

**HARRISBURG, PA (April 3, 2018)** – The Pennsylvania Soybean Board along with Penn State Extension is looking for farm cooperators willing to participate in [On-Farm Network](#) soybean research.

The Network works by conducting research in real-world conditions on test plots planted by farmer/collaborators throughout Pennsylvania on their own farms with their own equipment to see which management practices have an appreciable impact on production.

Research for the 2018 growing season will focus on monitoring slugs and performing soil and plant sampling to determine the yield-limiting factors that impact soybean production on a local, regional and statewide level. In western and northern parts of the state, research will also be conducted on plant populations, soybean varieties, and the use and need for fungicide treatments.

This project is open to all soybean producers in Pennsylvania. Growers interested in participating in any of the trials are encouraged to contact their local Extension Educator for more information.

Several new Educators have been added to the Extension team over the past year and are interested in working with growers in their region. Please contact them directly: Claire Coombs (Mercer & Lawrence Counties) [cuc959@psu.edu](mailto:cuc959@psu.edu), 724-662-3141; Rachel Milliron (Armstrong, Indiana, Westmoreland, Greene, Fayette, Washington & Allegheny Counties) [rum223@psu.edu](mailto:rum223@psu.edu), 724-919-4314; and Adriana Murillo Williams (Centre, Mifflin, Juniata Counties) [axm1119@psu.edu](mailto:axm1119@psu.edu), 814-360-5517.

The On-Farm Network is funded by the soybean checkoff and administered by Penn State. For questions about the Pa. Soybean On-Farm Network, contact Del Voight, Senior Extension Educator at [dgv1@psu.edu](mailto:dgv1@psu.edu), 717-270-4391 or Dr. Paul Esker, PSU Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology and Extension Specialist, [pde6@psu.edu](mailto:pde6@psu.edu), 814-360-5459.

### **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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