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On-Farm Network Field Days Focus on Soybean Research on Pa. Farms

HARRISBURG, Pa. (July 19, 2017) – Farmers interested in soybean production are invited to attend a free field day to see the results of research into various crop management practices being conducted in real-world conditions by farmers on their own farms. The field days will be held on August 23, 2017 in Lebanon County at the Glenn Krall farm, and on August 24, 2017 in Bradford County at the Matt Ahern farm. Both farmers are winners in the 2016 PA Soybean Yield Contest and participate in the On-Farm Network, sponsored by a Pa. Soybean Board checkoff-funded research grant.

The On-Farm Network takes soybean research studies out of the lab and small test plots into the fields of Pennsylvania soybean growers to see which management practices have an appreciable impact on production. During the field days, the host farmers will discuss soybean management on their farms and Penn State Extension crop specialists will be on hand to discuss the research and answer questions.

Farmers will have the opportunity to view fields where research is being conducted on fungicide treatment population, the effect of foliar treatments of insecticides and fungicides on soybean growth and development, the population impact on soybean yield and growth, and the results of twelve competitive herbicide programs. A light lunch will be provided.

To register for this free event, contact Del Voight, On-Farm Network Coordinator, at Penn State Extension- Lebanon County, 717-270- 4391, before August 22. Details and directions to the farms are available under the Events tab at www.pasoybean.org.

For the results of past studies from the <u>On-Farm Network</u>, go the Pennsylvania Soybean Board website at <u>www.pasoybean.org</u>. During the growing season, updates are available on the <u>Field Crop News</u> website from Penn State.

About the Pennsylvania Soybean Board

The <u>Pennsylvania Soybean Board</u> 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 <u>www.pasoybean.org</u>.