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Lawrence County Farmer Appointed to Pennsylvania Soybean Board

HARRISBURG, PA (December 20, 2017) – At their December meeting, the Pennsylvania Soybean Board welcomed Rick Telesz, a soybean farmer from Volant, Lawrence County, to the Board of farmer/leaders who administer the soybean checkoff on behalf of Pennsylvania soybean growers.

Telesz attended Penn State and farms with his father and uncle on their family-owned and operated dairy and cash crop farm in Lawrence County. He was a regional winner in the 2016 Pennsylvania Soybean Yield Contest with a yield of 77.10 bu./acre.

“Knowledge is power,” says Telesz. “The more farmers know, the more successful they can be. Farming today is more than just growing your crop and selling it to your local elevator. I believe the Soybean Board is instrumental in providing opportunities for soybean growers to better their operations.”



Rick Telesz

The Pennsylvania Soybean Board is a farmer-controlled Board responsible for managing Pennsylvania's share of funds received from the nationwide Soybean Checkoff program.

Checkoff funds are used for implementing a program of promotion, research, consumer information, and industry information designed to strengthen the soybean industry's position in the marketplace, to maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for soybeans and soybean products, and to develop new markets and uses for soybeans and soybean products.

About the Pennsylvania Soybean Board

The [Pennsylvania Soybean Board](http://www.pasoybean.org) 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.

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