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## Pa. Soybean Board Seeks Soybean Farmers Interested in Serving on Board of Directors

**HARRISBURG, PA (March 10, 2020)** -- The Pennsylvania Soybean Board is currently accepting nominations of individuals within the Commonwealth who would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Board as well as the United Soybean Board. Any Pennsylvania farmer who raises soybeans that are assessed by the soybean checkoff is eligible to be considered.

The volunteer members of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board (PSB) are responsible for the collection and administration of the soybean checkoff program within the State. The authority given to PSB under the Federal Act and Order are specific to soybean education, promotion, communication and research. PSB is not affiliated with lobbying of any manner.

The Pennsylvania Soybean Board is committed to growing leadership to serve on its board that reflects a diversity of perspectives and opinions as the industry population that pays the marketing and promotion assessment is diverse. That diversity should reflect size of operation, experience of members, methods of production and distribution, ethnicity and gender, marketing strategies, and other distinguishing factors that will bring different perspectives and ideas to the table.

"I am honored to serve on the Pennsylvania Soybean Board as a representative of Pennsylvania's soybean farmers," says John Harrell, Pennsylvania Soybean Board chairman and soybean farmer from Lebanon County, Pa. "The farmer/leaders who serve help to shape the future of the industry by directing checkoff programs for research, education and other areas that will help ensure a strong and profitable future for U.S. soybean farmers. We encourage any Pennsylvania soybean farmer interested in the position to apply."

In addition to the opportunities of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board, there are opportunities to serve on the United Soybean Board. The United Soybean Board is comprised of 72 farmer/leaders from across the United States. If you are interested in being nominated for the United Soybean Board, please contact PSB office for additional information on this process.

If you or an individual you know is interested in being considered to serve on the Board, please submit nominations to Jennifer Reed-Harry, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board, at <a href="mailto:irharry@pasoybean.org">irharry@pasoybean.org</a>. Download the <a href="mailto:application form">application form</a> under the About Us>Meet the Board tab on <a href="www.pasoybean.org">www.pasoybean.org</a>. If you have questions, please call the Board's office at (717) 651-5922 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Nominations are due by July 10, 2020.

## 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 <a href="https://www.pasoybean.org">www.pasoybean.org</a>.

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