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Soybean Production Workshops Scheduled for December

HARRISBURG, PA (Nov. 5, 2012) --The Penn State Extension Crop Management Team has scheduled four Soybean Production Workshops the week of December 11, 2012. Support for the workshops is provided in part by the Pa. Soybean Board through the soybean checkoff.

Each workshop will feature Penn State researchers, experienced soybean growers, and county Extension personnel presenting information covering all aspects of soybean production from planting to harvest. Topics include how to get started in soybean production, soybean growth and development, weed and insect pest diagnostics, and best practices for harvest and storage. CCA and pesticide credits are available at each location.

“Nearly a half million acres of soybeans are produced in Pennsylvania,” says Del Voight, Lebanon County Senior Extension Educator. “While yields throughout the state are still hovering around the 45 bu./acre on average, many growers participating in soybean workshops and the Pennsylvania Soybean Yield Contest are reporting yields of over 80 bu./acre, and we’ve even seen some growers topping out at 90 bu./acre and more this year. We encourage farmers growing soybeans, and those considering growing soybeans, to attend and learn how to increase yields on their farm.”

The workshops will be held at the Mercer County Extension in Mercer, Pa. on Tuesday, December 11; the Bedford Co. Fairgrounds 4-H Center in Bedford, Pa. on Wednesday, December 12; the Juniata Courthouse Annex in Mifflintown, Pa., on Thursday, December 13; and the Montgomery County Farm, Home and 4-H Center in Collegeville, Pa. on Friday, December 14.

The Soybean Production Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at each location. There is a \$10 fee to attend, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is required one week prior to the workshop. Information on agendas, speakers and pre-registration is available on the Penn State Extension website by selecting the “Events” tab at <http://extension.psu.edu/lebanon>, or by contacting the Lebanon County Extension office at 717-270-4391.

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

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