



# CATEGORIES, RULES AND AWARDS

## Classes

<b>MAIN</b>
<b>MASTER</b>
<b>YOUTH</b>

## Main Class

Maturity Group	Category
0	Irrigated
1	Non-irrigated
2	No-till
3	

## Youth Class

0-1 Irrigated
0-1 Non-irrigated
2-3 Irrigated
2-3 non-irrigated

## Eligibility:

**MAIN CLASS:** Any South Dakota soybean producer (owner-operator, tenant or tenant landlord) who produces 10 acres or more of soybeans in South Dakota is eligible to enter. A producer may make more than one entry per category, as long as the entries are from different fields. A producer with more than one entry will be eligible for only one award per category entered. Each producer is limited to two entries. All Yield Contest entries are also eligible for the Quality Contest. (See Quality Contest Rules for more information.)

There are no restrictions on management practices. SDSA reviews and determines eligibility of all entries.

\* You are ineligible for the Main Class if you qualify for the Master Class.

**MASTER CLASS:** Previous contest winners recognized for achieving 100 bushel or greater will be automatically placed in the Master Class in all subsequent years.

**MAIN CLASS:** Entrants 18 years and older not participating in the Youth Class.

**YOUTH CLASS:** Open to participants age 13-21, with entrants age 18-21 having the option of participating in the Main Class or Youth Class.

\* Payment must be received by August 31 to participate. Youth contestants participate for free.

## Field Requirements:

A contest field must be at least 10 continuous acres. A minimum of three acres must be harvested from this area. The harvest area may be more than three acres. The field measurement and yield determination must be made under the supervision of a third-party witness. (See Field Measurement and Yield Determination rules and remarks.)

## Field Measurements:

The field or portion of a field entered (a minimum of three acres or 130,680 square feet) must be one continuous area preferably with four straight sides. Plot width will be measured from the first harvested row on the left to the first unharvested row on the right (to assure the inclusion of the equivalent of one-half the average row width beyond the outside harvested row on each side).

The measurements can be made by a third-party witness, such as an FFA advisor, crop insurance agent, lender, university personnel or other impartial witness (approved by the committee). All measurements must be with a steel or fiberglass tape or measuring wheel and recorded in feet.

Each measurement should be recorded on the Harvest Report Form. Contestants can complete the Harvest Report Form online at [www.sds soybean.org/yieldcontest](http://www.sds soybean.org/yieldcontest).

If a whole field is harvested and entered in the contest (and due to the irregular shapes and dimensions of whole fields), the acreage determination for the whole field will be accepted from the County FSA Office as determined from official USDA aerial photographs.

Additional information and forms are available at [www.sds soybean.org](http://www.sds soybean.org).

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## Yield Determination:

1. A third-party witness, such as an FFA advisor, university personnel, crop insurance agent, lender or other impartial witness (approved by the committee) must be present to supervise measuring, harvesting and weighing of the yield for each entry. **NEW:** If a producer suspects he or she will harvest 90 bu/a soybeans or better, a second witness who is employed by a different seed company than the variety entered is required. If a second witness meeting this requirement is not present, the yield will be capped at 90 bu/a for the yield contest. The Yield Contest Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry for any reason.
2. Before the soybean contest area is harvested, the person supervising the harvest must ensure the entrant has emptied the combine so no soybeans have been left in it and that the wagons and/or trucks in which the contest yield will be weighed are empty.
3. Harvested soybeans may be weighed in a grain weigh wagon or on a certified public scale. A third party witness must be present during the harvesting of the 3-acre section for the contest. The witness must verify with a signature that all harvest data is correct on the Harvest Form. A representative sample must be taken immediately for determining moisture content.
4. Yields will be calculated on the basis of No. 1 soybeans and will consist of the weight of harvested soybeans, corrected to 13% moisture, and converted to bushels per acre. Percent moisture should be determined by a local elevator operator or take an average of three moisture samples. Foreign matter does not need to be determined this year.

## Yield Contest Deadline:

Contestants must submit their completed Entry Forms with a \$25 entry fee to the South Dakota Soybean Association on or before August 31. Yield Harvest Report Forms are due to the South Dakota Soybean Association on or before November 1.

There is no entry fee for the Youth Class.

Entry Forms, Harvest Forms and payment can be found and submitted online at [www.sdssoybean.org/yieldcontest](http://www.sdssoybean.org/yieldcontest).

## Awards

The South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council (SDSRPC) sponsors the Yield Contest awards. Winners are announced and awards are given at the annual Soybean Recognition Banquet, which is the first Wednesday in December.

<b>MASTER CLASS</b>	\$2,000 for first place in the Master Class.
<b>1ST PLACE</b>	Winners in each category receive \$2,000 cash
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	Winners in each category receive \$1,500 cash.
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	Winners in each category receive \$1,000 cash.
<b>YOUTH CLASS</b>	\$250 for first place in each of the 4 yield categories, also \$250 for first place in Youth Quality Contest.

Special recognition is given to the top two overall yield winners in the state.

Prizes are awarded in each category only if there are three or more entries per category.