




## If You Grow Soybeans, Here Are Three Things You Need To Know

-  The soybean checkoff dollars you pay **cannot**, we repeat, **cannot**, be used to represent your soybean interests in Washington, D.C., with Congress and the Administration.
-  Only your **voluntary membership** in the American Soybean Association provides funding for important soybean representation and policy initiatives.
-  American Soybean Association is your **Number One Advocate** in Washington, D.C., looking out for your soybean interests in domestic and international policy work.

## Biodiesel and Farm Bill are Key Topics for Soybean Growers

The American Soybean Association (ASA) and its members are focused on many important issues and initiatives that impact soybean growers. One of the biggest ASA initiatives has involved one of the decade's brightest new long-term markets for U.S. soybean growers—that is, soy-based biodiesel.

ASA and its members were the driving force behind legislation designed to increase the demand for biodiesel through tax incentives. Increased demand will contribute to increased prices for soybeans. ASA continues to work to ensure that the incentives will be extended well into the future to support continued demand building.

ASA is already hard at work on the next Farm Bill to ensure fair treatment of soybean issues. The current Farm Bill is set to expire in 2007. One aspect that ASA is focused on is making sure the safety net for soybean growers is protected in a new Farm Bill.

Another issue involves transportation infrastructure in the form of new locks and dams on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, which is tied directly to profitability

for U.S. soybean growers. More than 75 percent of U.S. soybean exports move to world ports via this river system. ASA and its members continue their commitment to achieving Congressional funding for seven new locks and dams on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

If building demand for soy-based biodiesel, protecting soybeans in the new Farm Bill and improving waterway infrastructure are important issues to you, become a member of the American Soybean Association. Your membership dues will support the vital work being done on these and dozens of other soybean related issues and initiatives.

Complete ASA's membership application online at [www.SoyGrowers.com](http://www.SoyGrowers.com) or call the Membership Department at 1-800-688-7692.

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