

Farmers Support Work of American Soybean Association

A recent blind survey shows that nine out of 10 U.S. soybean farmers agree that the American Soybean Association (ASA) lobbies for policies and legislation that increase profit opportunities for U.S. soybean farmers, such as fair treatment of soybeans in farm legislation, increased federal dollars for market development and profitable trade agreements.

"We are proud of that affirmation of ASA's good and effective work on behalf of U.S. soybean farmers," said ASA President Johnny Dodson, a soybean grower from Halls, Tenn.

The survey found that nine out of 10 dues-paying members support the American Soybean Association because it is important to have ASA working for the best interests of soybean growers.

"As the single national grassroots advocate for America's soybean farmers, ASA has been committed to serving the best interests of U.S. soybean farmers for more than 89 years," Dodson said. "Serving their best interests is primary to the ASA mission."

The survey also found that 92 percent of dues-paying members said it is important to support ASA and their state soybean association because they are working hard to create policies that increase demand for their soybeans and protect their profitability.

"Being a member of the American Soybean Association and your state soybean association is a choice," Dodson said. "It is not the same as paying into the soybean checkoff program. Soybean checkoff funds cannot be used for the policy and lobbying work of the American Soybean Association and state associations."

Choosing to become a dues-paying member of ASA and your state soybean association is a proactive step that helps protect and grow your market opportunities and the value of U.S. soybeans. Join online now at www.SoyGrowers.com.

"The American Soybean Association is a grassroots agricultural organization and one of the keys to our success is membership. Soybean farmers make the choice to belong to ASA."

Johnny Dodson, ASA President

ASA Membership Benefits

There are many benefits of belonging to the American Soybean Association (ASA).

- Be heard through soybean advocacy and policy representation in Washington, D.C.
- Know that your best interests as a soybean farmer are being represented
- Stay informed with print and electronic newsletters
- Save with 12 months of free DTN MarketSpace™ access (\$120 value), an online marketplace to buy and sell grain and oilseeds; plus receive a 25 percent discount on the transaction pricing.
- Save 10 percent when purchasing Cabela's gift cards through ASA
- Save by paying 1 percent below factory invoice on the purchase or lease of select new Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep vehicles
- Attend Commodity Classic for less

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Commodity Classic Record

This year's sold out trade show at the 2009 Commodity Classic Feb. 26-28, at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas, was the largest in Commodity Classic history, with more than 236 companies in more than 943 booths. The trade show has more than doubled in size since the first Commodity Classic held in 1996.

Total registrations were 4,527, only five less than the record set in 2008. More growers were in attendance in 2009 than in 2008, with a final number of 1,513 growers, just four short of the record set in Las Vegas in 2004.

Commodity Classic is the annual convention and trade of the American Soybean Association (ASA), National Corn Growers Association, National Association of Wheat Growers and National Sorghum Producers.

Soybean producers also met Feb. 28 for the ASA Voting Delegates Session to review and revise the policy direction of the ASA.