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LETTER FROM *the president*



As I write this at the beginning of June, the Ohio Crop Progress Report showed 89% of soybeans have been planted. Not bad! Overall, the weather conditions in Ohio have been favorable for the 2013 planting season.

Often in my president's letter I focus on a variety of agricultural topics and announcements that affect your bottom line. This month, I really want to emphasize and focus on the importance of agricultural programs that highlight and promote the young leaders in our industry. The Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) and Beck's Hybrids recently launched the Beck's Young Farm Leader Program to recognize Ohio soybean farmers who will soon be the face of the agriculture industry. In this issue of the *Ohio Leader Letter*, you will read about our second quarter winner, Jeff Adams of Champaign County. This is a great chance for Ohio soybean farmers to become more involved and we are now accepting third quarter applications.

Another great opportunity that soybean farmers can take part in is the ASA/DuPont Young Leader program. The program is now in its 30th year and recognizes farmer leaders who are shaping the agriculture industry. The ASA/DuPont Young Leader program offers farmers the opportunity to strengthen and build leadership skills while meeting other farmer leaders from around the country.

Inside this issue of the *Ohio Leader Letter*, you can read about both programs and all they have to offer.

Lastly, I hope you will consider entering this year's Soybean Yield and Quality Contest by August 31. As a reminder, you can choose to enter one or more of four categories including: conventional tillage, no-till, non-GMO soybeans - conventional tillage and non-GMO soybeans - no-till.

Thank you for your membership to OSA. I wish you the best of luck as another crop gets its start.

Jerry Bambauer
OSA President
Auglaize County soybean farmer



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OSA Works to Increase Economic Opportunities

On June 19th the Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) traveled to the Ohio Capitol and met with Ohio legislative leaders. Representative Dave Hall (R-Millersburg), Chairman of the Ohio House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee stopped by and spoke to OSA board leaders about the importance of communicating a clear and concise message to members of the Ohio General Assembly. Chairman Hall also commended the Ohio Soybean Council for their investment in edge of the field testing that will help farmers address nutrient management issues.

In meetings with over 20 legislators that sit on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee or the Senate Agriculture Committee, OSA farmer leaders addressed how to increase economic opportunities for Ohio soybean farmers. Among many issues, water

quality and nutrient management are the top priority. OSA leaders continue to encourage legislators to utilize sound science as the first consideration to any potential law changes.

OSA is also preparing for summer activity in Washington, D.C. The Senate has passed a farm bill and the House of Representatives is expected to pass a farm bill by the end of June. OSA is partnering with the American Soybean Association (ASA) to ensure market distorting policies are left out of the farm bill. ASA is concerned that proposals passed by the House Committee on Agriculture could potentially create planting preferences that are not reflective of market demands. The House Ag Committee version of the bill does not provide funding to key biodiesel programs; OSA will be working with key Ohio legislators to try to include funding for these programs.



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2013 Ohio State Fair Will Highlight Soybean Farmers

Don't forget to attend 'Soybean Day' at the Ohio State Fair on Saturday August 3rd. Clip the coupon below and receive free admission. The Ohio Soybean Council (OSC) and soybean checkoff will be one of the six presenting sponsors of the Ohio State Fair, Junior Livestock Shows, Rabbit & Poultry Pavilion, Voinovich Livestock Center, Nationwide Ag and Hort Building and the O'Neil Swine Building.



OHIO SOYBEAN DAY AT THE FAIR

Saturday, August 3rd, 2013



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This voucher allows one FREE admission per household to an Ohio soybean farmer or an Ohio Soybean Association member, and \$4 admission to each family member in their party on **Ohio Soybean Day at the Fair, Saturday, August 3rd.**

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Ohio Soybean Council Foundation

OSCF Sponsors State and District Science Day Awards

The Ohio Soybean Council Foundation (OSCF) recently sponsored over \$3,000 in OSCF Science Day Awards at each of the state's 16 District Science days. OSCF established these awards to encourage the study of bioscience and soybeans, and support today's best and brightest science students who will create tomorrow's innovations in the soybean industry.

OSCF also sponsored students at a state level during the 2013 State Science Day hosted by The Ohio State University. OSCF gave a \$1,000 award to the first place finalist, \$500 award to the second place finalist and \$250 for third place. Also this year, one OSCF team award of \$500 was given. Each team member received \$250 and the award was sponsored by Education Projects and Partnerships. The awards were available for students in grades 6-12 with projects in the area of agriculture biosciences, bioresources, biopolymers,

bioproducts, and/or biofuels using soybeans.

2013 State Science Day Awards:

1st place: Mikhaila R. Roe, Minford, Ohio, grade 10
From fields to fuel: Will charcoal made from soy plants and corn stalks perform as efficiently as commercial charcoal?

2nd place: Ashley N. Scruse, Springfield, Ohio, grade 12
Which catalyst will yield the most efficient biofuel from soybean oil?

3rd place: Jacob C. Dennis, Pettisville, Ohio, grade 8
The effect of row spacing on Glycine max

OSC team award: Taruni and Tanvi Kumar, Upper Arlington, Ohio, grade 12
Soybean inhibits oral carcinogenesis by restricting angiogenesis.

Make it a Priority to Tell Your Conservation Story

Make it a priority to take stock of your farm conservation practices and submit an entry in the Conservation Legacy Awards program, presented by the American Soybean Association (ASA).

You could join soybean farmers like Gail Fuller of Emporia, Kan., Jeremy Jack of Belzoni, Miss., and Roger Wenning of Greensburg, Ind., who all won 2013 Conservation Legacy Awards.

Just tell the story of conservation practices on your farm and you could be one of the next regional Conservation Legacy winners. Entries will be judged in five areas: soil management, water management, input management, farmstead protection, and conservation and environmental management. All U.S. soybean farmers are eligible to enter.

Winners from three regions (Midwest, Northeast and South) receive an expense-paid trip for two to the next Commodity Classic, February 27–March 1, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Regional winners will be featured in video stories and a special insert in *Corn & Soybean Digest*. A National Conservation Legacy Award winner will be chosen from the regional winners.

Submissions are due by August 5, 2013, but don't wait. Make it a priority to tell your conservation story now. All applications must be submitted online. See the brochure and online application are at: www.soygrowers.com/clap.

The 13th annual Conservation Legacy Awards program is sponsored by ASA, BASF, Monsanto, the United Soybean Board/soybean checkoff and *Corn & Soybean Digest*.



Applicants Sought for 2014 ASA/DuPont Young Leader Program



The American Soybean Association (ASA) and DuPont Pioneer are seeking applicants for the 2014 Young Leader Program. Now in its historic 30th year, the ASA DuPont

Young Leader program is recognized throughout agriculture for its tradition of identifying and cultivating farmer leaders who are shaping not only the U.S. soybean industry but all of agriculture.

Jeff and Caitlyn Heimerl of Pataskala, Ohio were chosen as the Ohio representatives in last year's ASA/DuPont Young Leader program. "Leadership has always been the center of our lives as Jeff and I were both actively involved in FFA. We truly feel that is our responsibility as agriculturalists to promote what we do in a positive light and the Young Leaders program was a great opportunity to continue that," said Caitlyn.

A challenging and educational two-part training program, the 2014 class of ASA/DuPont Young Leaders will meet for the first time at Pioneer's headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, Nov. 19-22, 2013. The program will continue Feb. 25-March 1, 2014 in San Antonio, with training held in conjunction with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show.

Graduates of the ASA/DuPont Young Leader Program frequently assume leadership positions in soybean industry organizations while applying the training principles to achieve greater success in their business and other volunteer endeavors.



The ASA/DuPont Young Leader program offers the opportunity for participants to strengthen and build upon their natural leadership skills, meet and learn from other young leaders from around the country and expand their agricultural knowledge.

The two-phase program is as follows:

Phase I:
November 19 -22, 2013
DuPont Pioneer Headquarters
Johnston, IA

Phase II:
February 25 – March 1, 2014
San Antonio, Texas
(held in conjunction with Commodity Classic)

Applications will be accepted online beginning June 3. Interested applicants should go to www.SoyGrowers.com



Ohio Soybean Association Applauds Senate Passage of 2013 Farm Bill

With a vote of 66 to 27 on June 10th, the United States Senate voted to pass the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013, better known as the 2013 farm bill. The focus now shifts to the House of Representatives, where work is reportedly scheduled to begin later this month.

“On behalf of our members and all Ohio soybean farmers, we thank the Senate for their work to pass this version of the farm bill,” said Jerry Bambauer, OSA president and Auglaize County soybean farmer. “As we move forward in this process, this will continue to be our top priority and we will work very closely with our Congressional leaders to get passage of a five-year farm bill.”

The Senate version of the farm bill eliminates direct payments to farmers while strengthening the farm and natural resource safety net. It also improves the balance of trade through trade promotion programs, promotes rural development and helps create jobs.

Additionally, the bill is a concrete step toward reducing the Federal budget deficit and saves taxpayers money.

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) voted in support of the bill. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) voted against the measure.

The House is scheduled to take up the bill late this month. OSA is encouraging all members and agricultural stakeholders to contact their representatives and stress the importance and urgency of passing a five-year farm bill as soon as possible.

To learn more or find out how to contact your representative, visit the American Soybean Association’s Soy Action Center at www.soygrowers.com.



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We're helping you write a better end to this story.

Your soybean checkoff dollars are funding dramatic new research that will ultimately result in disease and pest resistant soybean traits. These ongoing efforts as well as research into new soybean varieties are helping boost the yields and profits of Ohio's soybean farmers.

This message brought to you by Ohio soybean farmers and their checkoff.



Jeff Adams of Champaign County Named Beck's Young Farm Leader



Jeff Adams, Beck's Young Farm Leader, his wife, Brittany, and son, Maverick, on their Union County farm.

The Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) and Beck's Hybrids believe building a grassroots network of young agricultural leaders is important to the continued success of the soybean industry and all of Ohio agriculture. As a result, OSA and Beck's Hybrids created a program that identifies those who are the agricultural leaders of tomorrow.

"We are excited to name Jeff as one of the 2013 Beck's Young Farm Leaders," said Jerry Bambauer, OSA president and soybean farmer from Auglaize County. "Jeff has built a foundation for farming success and will continue to be a leader for the agriculture industry."

Jeff, a third generation farmer, grew up in Union County and managed a swine operation. In 1997, Jeff sold the hogs and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business with a minor in Crop Science at The Ohio State University.

After graduating in 2001, he went to work on the family farm where he continues to grow 2,000 acres of seed soybeans, as well as 1,500 acres of corn utilized primarily for ethanol production. Jeff farms with his father, mother, uncle, aunt and wife.

"By working with seed companies we are always looking for better ways to make quality seeds that we would want if we were buying it on the other end," he said.

Jeff won the FFA National Swine Entrepreneur award in 1997 and is currently a member of OSA, First Christian Church and Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. In addition, he is also involved with the Champaign Premium Grain Growers.

After 13 years of farming, there are a few priorities that Jeff believes are vital to the continued success of the entire agricultural industry. One of those is the next generation.

"With the growth of my family, it has become clear that in order for my children and grandchildren to live a successful farm life, the agriculture industry as a whole is going to require more advocates to keep it viable," Jeff said. "As more generations move off the farm, more people lose perspective of what it takes to grow their food. I want to become involved and help make sure that my children and other children can earn a living feeding the world."

Another important part of maintaining success for all farmers is not just being supportive of industry advances, but taking part in them.

He is showing that commitment through his participation in a yield and quality study being conducted by researchers at The Ohio State University funded by the Ohio Soybean Council (OSC) and soybean checkoff. Through two trials on nine locations, soybean researchers will determine which agronomic practices contribute to an increase in soybean yield.

While maximizing yield is always a priority for farmers, ensuring that product makes it to international markets is just as important.

"We need to figure out how to get 100 bushel soybeans and continue to expand our export markets," Jeff said. "I also believe while export markets are important, continued research over the years for new uses for soybeans is vital to the continued success of the industry we love and support."

Besides keeping busy with their 10 month old son, Jeff and his family run a minimum till operation with most of their soybean acreage being no-till. From a marketing standpoint, Jeff's father Mike handles most of the transactions while Jeff handles most of the input buying.

"One of the key attributes that all commodity organizations like OSA have is the grassroots nature of its leadership," said Bruce Kettler, director of public relations at Beck's Hybrids. "As farms grow larger and as the average age of the farming population increases it's critical to make sure that young farmers are learning about the importance of their industry. We congratulate Jeff on his selection and look forward to recognizing more Beck's Young Farm Leaders in the coming quarters."

Interested in Being a Beck's Young Farm Leader?

Third quarter applications are due August 1, 2013.

At the end of the year, one of the Beck's Young Farm Leaders will be selected as the 2013 Beck's Young Farm Leader of the Year and receive a trip for two to the 2014 Commodity Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

To learn more and apply, visit www.soyohio.org/becksyoungfarmlider. Fourth quarter applications are due November 1, 2013.

The Importance of Early-season Field Scouting for Common Soybean Diseases

Early-Season field scouting can help identify emergence issues, weed outbreaks, damaging insects and detrimental diseases. Continually monitoring

performance throughout the growing season is just as important as variety selection and planting date. Anne Dorrance, professor, Soybean Pathology with The Ohio State University, recommends farmers scout their fields regularly. "They should be scouting their fields about every two weeks, if

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they can. If they know their varieties, they should be able to target their scouting." Keep in mind the increased



number of herbicide resistant weeds while scouting the fields in early to mid-June. As July approaches, Dorrance reminds farmers to be on the lookout

for Frog Eye Leaf Spot and especially to be aware of the susceptible varieties. With cooler than normal temperatures in the south, Soybean Rust is on the radar of researchers and agronomists. Dorrance and other researchers will be keeping an

eye on the progress of the disease, and encourage you to stay up to date on all of the latest information during the growing season.



Managed by the Ohio Soybean Council and soybean checkoff, the Soybean Rewards Program helps Ohio soybean farmers increase productivity, yield and profitability by providing information and research related to premium opportunities, new varieties, disease and pest management and conservation practices.

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