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LETTER FROM the president



It's been quite a summer. Here in Northwest Ohio it's hard to tell what the soybean crop will yield this year. Since June we've seen well over 20 inches of rain. Let's hope dry weather increases as we move into harvest.

Harvest brings hours in the field but also means farm show season and represents an excellent opportunity to discuss state agricultural policy issues with other growers. The Ohio Farm Science Review will take place September 22-24 in London, Ohio at The Molly Caren Agricultural Center. The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences puts on a great show every year and the Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) is proud to be a part of it. OSA and the Ohio Soybean

Council will be located in building #441 off Friday Avenue. I hope you and your family make it to the show.

There are several key issues impacting soybean farmers this summer and fall. OSA is keeping water quality on the radar. Be sure to read the letter from Bob Peterson, state senator and Ohio grain farmer from Fayette County on page 2 for his perspective. Also, don't forget to follow and participate in the #whywatermatters campaign on Facebook and Twitter and be part of the conversation by posting what you are doing to keep nutrients on the field. The campaign was created so farmers could share why water is important and showcase that Ohio farmers are committed to leading the improvement for cleaner waterways.

Tommie Price
President
Ohio Soybean Association



LEGISLATIVE update



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Trade Promotion Authority Signed into Law

Trade promotion authority (TPA) will soon help create and strengthen international trade agreements, opening valuable markets and providing an advantage for U.S. farmers.

President Barack Obama signed TPA into law on Monday, June 29, 2015.

Soybeans represent the nation's most important agricultural export and international trade plays a crucial role in the industry, as well as the many benefits trade yields for the country.

TPA was a key priority for the Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) and American Soybean Association (ASA) in the 114th Congress. The bill gives the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) the ability to get the best deal possible, and it provides Congress the oversight it needs to ensure every agreement will work for American farmers.

TPA is critical for soybean farmers because new trade agreements expand market access as we look to maintain our position at the vanguard of world agricultural trade.

In addition, new trade agreements will expand livestock product exports, which are also important for U.S. soybean farmers.

The passage of TPA is also vital to moving toward finalizing negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) which includes important export markets for U.S. soybeans and meats, as well as the developing markets that grow in their demand for American soy every day.

OSA and ASA thanks the hundreds of farmers who contacted their lawmakers and worked to make soy growers' voices heard on TPA for the past several months.