## August 1 Soybean Contest Deadline Approaches

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Pennsylvania soybean growers have just until August 1 to enter the 1997 Soybean Yield Contest and become eligible for several new prizes — including a trip to California — said officials of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board (PASB) recently.

"Thanks to grower feedback and new sponsors, we expect this to be the best soybean yield contest ever," said PASB chairman Daryl Alger of Lebanon. "We've really tried to make it a contest growers will enjoy."

Alger noted that the contest has been held for several years, but with lower participation than desired. This year, he added, the Board worked hard to develop a more enticing contest. With additional sponsorship and beefed-up prizes, the Board now hopes for a

record number of grower entries in 1997.

First prize this year is roundtrip airfare and lodging for two for the 1998 Commodity Classic, held in February in Long Beach, California. Second prize is a complete get-away weekend at Hershey Park and Hotel, and third prize is \$250 cash.

"The yield contest actually benefits all soybean growers, and not just because of the great prizes," explained PASB member Mike Gerhardt of Ephrata with a laugh. "The results are valuable for all of us, because the contest highlights practices which produce maximum economic yields, and encourages the production of high-quality soybeans."

The 1997 Soybean Yield Contest is sponsored by PASB, Monsanto, American Cyanamid, Dekalb Genetics, DuPont, Novartis,

Pioneer Hybrids, Seedway, Chemgro Seeds, FMC Corp/APG, C.B. Hoober, Hoffman Seeds, Landis Brothers and Terra.

For more information, please call John Yotum, PASB member and Penn State senior research associate, at (717) 653-4728 today. For more information about the Pennsylvania Soybean Board — a non-profit grower directed organization — please call (609)



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