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## SOYBEAN PRODUCTION PRACTICES REPORT FOR 2020

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### CONTACT RECORD

DATE	TIME	NOTES

**INTRODUCTION:**

[Introduce yourself, and ask for the operator. Rephrase in your own words.]

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses any identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response is voluntary.

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We encourage you to refer to your farm records during the interview.

BEGINNING TIME H H M M  
 [MILITARY] 0004  
\_\_\_\_\_

SCREENING BOX  
 0006

[Name, address and partners verified and updated if necessary.]

POID _____ PARTNER NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone	POID _____ PARTNER NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone
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Total Planted Acres

1. How many total acres of soybeans did this operation plant for the 2020 crop year?.....

0050 .\_\_

[If no acres planted, review Screening Survey Information Form, make notes, then go to Conclusion on back page.]

I will follow a simple procedure to make a random selection from the soybean fields planted for the 2020 crop.

Total Number of Fields Planted

2. What is the total number of soybean fields that were planted on this operation?.....

0020

[If only one field, enter "1" and go to item 4.]

3. Please list these field(s) according to identifying name/number or describe each field. Then I will tell you which field has been selected.

[If there are more than 18 fields, make sure item 2 is total fields planted and list only the 18 fields closest to the operator's permanent residence. If respondent is unable to identify or describe the fields, use the Field Selection Grid Supplement.]

FIELD NAME, NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION	FIELD NAME, NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION
1 _____	10 _____
2 _____	11 _____
3 _____	12 _____
4 _____	13 _____
5 _____	14 _____
6 _____	15 _____
7 _____	16 _____
8 _____	17 _____
9 _____	18 _____

APPLY "RANDOM NUMBER" LABEL HERE

Office Use  
OY Field Substituted  
0022

[Enumerator Action: Circle the pair of numbers on the above label associated with the last numbered field in item 3. Select the field according to the number you circled on the label, and record the selected number. If only one field, enter "1".].....

Selected Field  
Number  
0021

4. The field selected is \_\_\_\_\_ (field name/number/description).  
During this interview, the soybean questions will be about this selected soybean field.  
[Be sure the operator can identify the selected field.]

5. How many acres of soybeans were planted in this field for the 2020 crop?.....

Acres  
1301

**C NUTRIENT or FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS--SELECTED FIELD**

**C**

1. Were commercial nutrients or fertilizers applied to the selected field for the 2020 soybean crop? INCLUDE those from operators, landlords, and contractors.....

Yes=1  
No=3

Code	Office Use Edit Table
0202	0200

[If commercial nutrient or fertilizer applied, continue, else go to Section D.]

2. How many commercial nutrient or fertilizer applications were made to the selected field for the 2020 crop? INCLUDE applications made by airplanes and custom applicators.....

Number
0203

3. Now I need to record information for each application.

CHECKLIST	
INCLUDE	EXCLUDE
<input type="checkbox"/> Custom applied nutrients or fertilizers	<input type="checkbox"/> Micronutrients
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrients or fertilizers applied in the fall of 2019 and those applied earlier if the selected field was fallow in 2019.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unprocessed manure
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercially prepared manure or compost	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrients or fertilizers applied to previous crops in the selected field
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lime and gypsum/landplaster

Office Use Lines in Table	Table 001	0299
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Application Codes for Column 6	
1 Broadcast, ground without incorporation	5 In irrigation water
2 Broadcast, ground with incorporation	6 Chisel/injected or knifed in
3 Broadcast, by aircraft	7 Banded in or over row
4 In seed furrow	8 Foliar or directed spray

L I N E	2 Materials Used				3 What quantity was applied per acre?  [Leave this column blank if actual nutrients were reported]	4 [Enter material code]  1 Pounds 12 Gallons 19 Pounds of actual nutrients	5 When was this applied?  1 In the fall before seeding 2 In the spring before seeding 3 At seeding 4 After seeding	6 How was this applied?  [Refer to code list above]	7 How many acres in the selected field were treated in this application?  Acres
	[Enter percentage analysis or actual pounds of plant nutrients applied per acre.]  [Show Common Nutrients or Fertilizers in Respondent Booklet]								
	N Nitrogen	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Phosphate	K <sub>2</sub> O Potash	S Sulfur					
01	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
02	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
03	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
04	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
05	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
06	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
07	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
08	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
09	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____
10	31	32	33	34	36	37	38	39	40 _____

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NOTES:

**D BIOCONTROL or PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS--SELECTED FIELD**

**D**

Now I have some questions about all the biocontrols or pesticides used on the selected field for the 2020 soybean crop, including both custom applications and applications made by this operation.

	Code	Office Use Edit Table
1. Were any herbicides, insecticides, fungicides or other biocontrols or pesticides used on this soybean field for the 2020 crop?.....	0302	0300
	Yes=1 No=3	

[Probe for applications made in the fall of 2019 and those made earlier if the selected field was fallow.]

If no biocontrols or pesticides applied, go to Section E.

INCLUDE defoliants, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, and other pesticides INCLUDE biological and botanical pesticides.	EXCLUDE adjuvants, nutrients or fertilizers reported earlier and seed treatments.	Office Use Line in Table	Table 001	0399
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Chemical Product Name	L I N E	2 What products were applied to the selected field? [Show product codes from Respondent Booklet.]	3 Was this product bought in liquid or dry form? [Enter L or D]	4 If this was part of a tank mix, enter line number of first product in mix.	5 When was this applied? 1 Before planting 3 At planting 4 After planting 5 Defoliation prior to harvest	6 OR 7		8 [Enter unit code] 1 Pounds 12 Gallons 13 Quarts 14 Pints 15 Liquid Ounces 28 Dry Ounces 30 Grams
						How much was applied per acre per application?	What was the total amount applied per application in the selected field?	
	01	61		63	64	65	73	74
	02	61		63	64	65	73	74
	03	61		63	64	65	73	74
	04	61		63	64	65	73	74
	05	61		63	64	65	73	74
	06	61		63	64	65	73	74
	07	61		63	64	65	73	74
	08	61		63	64	65	73	74
	09	61		63	64	65	73	74
	10	61		63	64	65	73	74
	11	61		63	64	65	73	74
	12	61		63	64	65	73	74
	13	61		63	64	65	73	74
	14	61		63	64	65	73	74

2. For biocontrols or pesticides not listed in Respondent Booklet, specify--

Line	Pesticide Type (Herbicide, Insecticide, Fungicide, etc.)	EPA No. or Trade Name and Formulation	Form Purchased (Liquid or Dry)	Where Purchased (Ask only if EPA No. cannot be reported)

## Applications Codes for Column 9

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 Broadcast, ground without incorporation | 6 Chiseled/injected or knifed in |
| 2 Broadcast, ground with incorporation    | 7 Banded in or over row          |
| 3 Broadcast, by aircraft                  | 8 Foliar or directed spray       |
| 4 In seed furrow                          | 9 Spot treatments                |
| 5 In irrigation water                     |                                  |

L I N E	9	10	11	12
	How was this product applied? [Enter code from above.]	How many acres in the selected field were treated with this product?  Acres	How many times was it applied?  Number	Were these applications made by-- 1 Operator, partner, or family member? 2 Custom applicator? 3 Employee/Other?
01	76	77 .__	79	80
02	76	77 .__	79	80
03	76	77 .__	79	80
04	76	77 .__	79	80
05	76	77 .__	79	80
06	76	77 .__	79	80
07	76	77 .__	79	80
08	76	77 .__	79	80
09	76	77 .__	79	80
10	76	77 .__	79	80
11	76	77 .__	79	80
12	76	77 .__	79	80
13	76	77 .__	79	80
14	76	77 .__	79	80

**E PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES E**

Now I have some questions about your pest management decisions and practices used on the selected field for the 2020 soybean crop. By pests, we mean weeds, insects, and diseases.

[Enumerator Action: Were pesticide applications reported in Section D?]

Yes - Continue     No - Go to item 4

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|--|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Were weather data used to assist in determining either the need or when to make pesticide applications?.....  | Yes=1<br>No=3 | Code<br>0800 |
| 2. Were any biological pesticides such as Bt ( <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> ), insect growth regulators, neem or other natural/biological based products sprayed or applied to manage pests in the selected field?..... | Yes=1<br>No=3 | Code<br>0801 |
| 3. Were pesticides with different mechanisms of action rotated or tank mixed for the primary purpose of keeping pests from becoming resistant to pesticides?.....  | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 0802         |
| 4. Were records kept for the selected field to track the activity or numbers of weeds, insects, or diseases?.....  | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 0823         |
| 5. Did you use published information on infestation thresholds to determine when to take measures to manage pests in the selected field?.....  | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 0824         |

6. In 2020, how was the selected field primarily scouted for insects, weeds, diseases, and/or beneficial organisms?.....

- 1 By deliberately going to the field specifically for scouting activities [Enter code 1 and go to item 7.]
- 2 By conducting general observations while performing routine tasks [Enter code 2 and go to item 8.]
- 3 The selected field was not scouted. [Enter code 3 and go to item 10.]

Code  
0808

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|---|---------------|------|
| 7. Was an established scouting process such as systematic sampling, recording counts, etc. used or were insect traps used in the selected field?..... | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 0809 |
| 8. Was scouting for pests done in the selected field due to--   |               |      |
| a. a pest advisory warning?.....  | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 0810 |
| b. a pest development model?.....   | Yes=1<br>No=3 | 0811 |

1	2	3	4
9. Was this soybean field scouted for--		[If column 2 = 1, ask--] What was the infestation level for [column 1]? 1 Higher than normal 2 Normal 3 Lower than normal  Code	[If column 2 = 1, ask--] Who did the majority of the scouting for [column 1]? 1 Operator, partner or family member 2 An employee 3 Farm supply or chemical dealer 4 Independent crop consultant or commercial scout  Code
a. weeds?.....	0812	0813	0814
b. insects or mites?.....	0815	0816	0817
c. diseases?.....	0818	0819	0820



		Code
10. Did you use field mapping of previous weed problems to assist you in making weed management decisions?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0825
11. Did you do any of the following other types of pest management for the specific purpose of managing or reducing the spread of pests in the selected field?		Code
a. Use the services of a diagnostic laboratory for pest identification or soil plant tissue pest analysis for the selected field?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0841
b. Plow down crop residue using conventional tillage?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0842
c. Remove/burn down crop residue?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0843
d. Rotate crops in the selected field during the past three years?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0844
e. Maintain ground covers, mulches, or other physical barriers?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0845
f. Choose crop variety because of specific resistance to a certain pest?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0846
g. Use no-till or minimum till?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0847
h. Plan planting locations to avoid cross infestation of pests?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0848
i. Adjust planting or harvesting dates?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0849
j. Chop, spray, mow, plow, or burn field edges, lanes, ditches, roadways, or fence lines?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0850
k. Clean equipment and field implements after completing field work to reduce the spread of pests?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0851
l. Adjust row spacing, plant density, or row directions?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0852
m. Have the seed treated for insect or disease control after you purchased the seed for the selected field?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0854
n. Maintain a beneficial insect or vertebrate habitat?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0855
o. Maintain buffer strips or border rows to isolate soybeans from non-organic crops or land, or did you take a buffer harvest?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0856
p. Use a flamer to kill weeds?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0857
q. Plant earlier or later to avoid weeds?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0865
		Code
12. Were any beneficial organisms, such as insects, nematodes, or fungi, applied or released in the selected field to manage pests?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0853
13. Were floral lures, attractants, repellants, pheromone traps, or other biological pest controls used on the selected field?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0858
14. Was a trap crop, excluding fallow, grown to help manage insects in the selected field?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0863
15. Was the selected field left fallow in 2019 to help manage insects on the selected field?.....	Yes=1 No=3	0864
16. Were water management practices such as irrigation scheduling, controlled drainage, or treatment of retention water used on the selected field to manage pests or toxin-producing fungi and bacteria?.....	Yes=1 No=3	Code
		0861

Completion Code for Pest Management Data	
1 Incomplete/Refusal	0500

1. For the selected field, were any of the following pesticide spraying practices or activities used in 2020? Pesticides include insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and plant growth regulators (PGR).

[Enumerator Note: Column 4: Choose items 1 - 5 and/or 6 for a write-in response.]

Pesticide Spraying Practice or Activity	1 Was this used in 2020?  1 Yes 3 No 99 Don't Know	2 [Complete column for every "Yes" in Column 1.] Was it specifically used to keep pesticide application(s) on target (i.e., reduce pesticide drift)?  1 Yes 3 No 99 Don't Know	3 [Complete column for every "Yes" in Column 1.] Considering labor, training, capital expenditures, and other costs, how easy or difficult was it to implement this practice or activity?  1 Very Easy 2 Somewhat Easy 3 Somewhat Difficult 4 Very Difficult	4 [Complete column for every "No" in Column 1.] Why was this practice or activity not used? List all that apply.  1 Cost of labor/training 2 Cost of associated equipment/products 3 Incompatible with current production practices (e.g., topography, equipment limitations) 4 General time management issues/too busy 5 Unfamiliar with activity or practice 6 Other, specify:
a. Altering spray time(s) depending on weather conditions (e.g., wind speed, wind direction, temperature)	5170	5171	5172	5173 _____ 5174 Specify: _____
b. Drift reducing adjuvant(s)	5175	5176	5177	5178 _____ 5179 Specify: _____
c. Drift reducing nozzle(s)	5180	5181	5182	5183 _____ 5184 Specify: _____
d. Increased gallons per acre (GPA) spray solution	5185	5186	5187	5188 _____ 5189 Specify: _____
e. Calibrate sprayer before the season	5190	5191	5192	5193 _____ 5194 Specify: _____
f. Calibrate sprayer during the season	5195	5196	5197	5198 _____ 5199 Specify: _____
g. Manually altering sprayer settings to improve the spray precision (e.g., altering spray pressure, ground speed, and/or boom height)	5200	5201	5202	5203 _____ 5204 Specify: _____

(Continued)  Pesticide Spraying Practice or Activity	1  Was this used in 2020?  1 Yes 3 No 99 Don't Know	2  [Complete column for every "Yes" in Column 1.] Was it specifically used to keep pesticide application(s) on target (i.e., reduce pesticide drift)?  1 Yes 3 No 99 Don't Know	3  [Complete column for every "Yes" in Column 1.] Considering labor, training, capital expenditures, and other costs, how easy or difficult was it to implement this practice or activity?  1 Very Easy 2 Somewhat Easy 3 Somewhat Difficult 4 Very Difficult	4  [Complete column for every "No" in Column 1.] Why was this practice or activity not used? List all that apply.  1 Cost of labor/training 2 Cost of associated equipment/products 3 Incompatible with current production practices (e.g., topography, equipment limitations) 4 General time management issues/too busy 5 Unfamiliar with activity or practice 6 Other, specify:
h. Adopting the use of technologies to improve the spray precision (e.g., on/off nozzle spray technology, GPS boom section controls, automatic boom height stabilization, and/or infrared technology)	5205	5206	5207	5208  5209 Specify: _____
i. Shielded sprayers	5210	5211	5212	5213  5214 Specify: _____
j. Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) (e.g., Aim Command, Raven's Hawk Eye, John Deere's Exact Apply)	5215	5216	5217	5218  5219 Specify: _____
k. Other - Specify: 5225  _____	5220	5221	5222	5223  5224 Specify: _____

2. Pre-emergence pesticide applications are pesticides that are applied both prior to planting and/or before the emergence of the soybeans for early-season pest management. For the selected field, did this operation make any pre-emergence pesticide applications using aerial sprayers and/or ground boom sprayers in 2020?

5231  Yes, made pre-emergence pesticide applications using ground boom sprayers - Complete table below

5230  Yes, made pre-emergence pesticide applications using aerial sprayers - Go to item 3

5232  No, did not make pre-emergence pesticide applications - Go to item 3

	Pre-emergence Pesticide Applications Using Ground Boom Sprayers		Code
a. What was the typical spray volume (gallons per acre-GPA) for pre-emergence pesticide applications?	1 <5 GPA 2 5 to <7.5 GPA 3 7.5 to <10 GPA 4 10 to <15 GPA	5 15 to <20 GPA 6 20 to <25 GPA 7 25 GPA or greater 99 Don't know	5233
b. What is the typical operating pressure for pre-emergence pesticide application (PSI)?	1 <10 PSI 2 10 to <20 PSI 3 20 to <30 PSI 4 30 to <40 PSI 5 40 to <50 PSI 6 50 to <60 PSI	7 60 to <70 PSI 8 70 to <80 PSI 9 80 to <90 PSI 10 90 to <100 PSI 11 100 PSI or greater 99 Don't know	5234
c. What nozzles were typically used most often for any pre-emergence pesticide applications? (Select one)	1 Hollow Cone 2 Full Cone 3 Disc/Core Nozzle 4 Flat (e.g., flat fan)	5 Air-inclusion (AI), Air-induction, Venturi 6 Other: specify: 5236 _____ 99 Don't know	5235
d. At what ground speed was this ground boom sprayer(s) typically driven during pre-emergence pesticide applications?	1 <5 MPH 2 5 to <10 MPH 3 10 to <15 MPH	4 15 to <20 MPH 5 20 MPH or greater 99 Don't know	5237
e. At what boom height above ground or crop canopy did this operation typically spray during pre-emergence pesticide applications?	1 <24 inches 2 24 to <36 inches	3 36 inches or greater 99 Don't know	5238
f. What is the target droplet size spectrum for pre-emergence pesticide applications?	1 Less than 106 microns - extremely fine or very fine 2 106-235 microns - fine 3 236-340 microns - medium 4 341-403 microns - coarse	5 404-502 microns - very coarse 6 503-665 microns - extremely coarse 7 Greater than 665 microns - ultra coarse 99 Don't know	5239

3. Post-emergence herbicide applications are made to control weeds that occur after emergence of the soybeans. For the selected field, did this operation make any post-emergence herbicide applications using aerial sprayers and/or ground boom sprayers in 2020?

5241  Yes, made post-emergence herbicide applications using ground boom sprayers - Complete table below

5240  Yes, made post-emergence herbicide applications using aerial sprayers - Go to item 4

5242  No, did not make post-emergence herbicide applications - Go to item 4

	Post-emergence Herbicide Applications Using Ground Boom Sprayers		Code
a. What was the typical spray volume (gallons per acre-GPA) for post-emergence herbicide applications?	1 <5 GPA 2 5 to <7.5 GPA 3 7.5 to <10 GPA 4 10 to <15 GPA	5 15 to <20 GPA 6 20 to <25 GPA 7 25 GPA or greater 99 Don't know	5243
b. What is the typical operating pressure for post-emergence herbicide application (PSI)?	1 <10 PSI 2 10 to <20 PSI 3 20 to <30 PSI 4 30 to <40 PSI 5 40 to <50 PSI 6 50 to <60 PSI	7 60 to <70 PSI 8 70 to <80 PSI 9 80 to <90 PSI 10 90 to <100 PSI 11 100 PSI or greater 99 Don't know	5244
c. What nozzles were typically used most often for any post-emergence herbicide applications? (Select one)	1 Hollow Cone 2 Full Cone 3 Disc/Core Nozzle 4 Flat (e.g., flat fan)	5 Air-inclusion (AI), Air-induction, Venturi 6 Other: specify: 5246 _____ 99 Don't know	5245
d. At what ground speed was this ground boom sprayer(s) typically driven during post-emergence herbicide applications?	1 <5 MPH 2 5 to <10 MPH 3 10 to <15 MPH	4 15 to <20 MPH 5 20 MPH or greater 99 Don't know	5247
e. At what boom height above ground or crop canopy did this operation typically spray during post-emergence herbicide applications?	1 <24 inches 2 24 to <36 inches	3 36 inches or greater 99 Don't know	5248
f. What is the target droplet size spectrum for post-emergence herbicide applications?	1 Less than 106 microns - extremely fine or very fine 2 106-235 microns - fine 3 236-340 microns - medium 4 341-403 microns - coarse	5 404-502 microns - very coarse 6 503-665 microns - extremely coarse 7 Greater than 665 microns - ultra coarse 99 Don't know	5249

4. Post-emergence insecticide and/or fungicide applications are made to control pests that occur after emergence of the soybeans. For the selected field, did this operation make any post-emergence insecticide and/or fungicide applications using aerial sprayers and/or ground boom sprayers in 2020?

5251  Yes, made post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications using ground boom sprayers - Complete table below

5250  Yes, made post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications using aerial sprayers - Go to item 5

5252  No, did not make post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications - Go to item 5

	Post-emergence Insecticide/Fungicide Applications Using Ground Boom Sprayers		Code
a. What was the typical spray volume (gallons per acre-GPA) for post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications?	1 <5 GPA 2 5 to <7.5 GPA 3 7.5 to <10 GPA 4 10 to <15 GPA	5 15 to <20 GPA 6 20 to <25 GPA 7 25 GPA or greater 99 Don't know	5253
b. What is the typical operating pressure for post-emergence insecticide/fungicide application (PSI)?	1 <10 PSI 2 10 to <20 PSI 3 20 to <30 PSI 4 30 to <40 PSI 5 40 to <50 PSI 6 50 to <60 PSI	7 60 to <70 PSI 8 70 to <80 PSI 9 80 to <90 PSI 10 90 to <100 PSI 11 100 PSI or greater 99 Don't know	5254
c. What nozzles were typically used most often for any post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications? (Select one)	1 Hollow Cone 2 Full Cone 3 Disc/Core Nozzle 4 Flat (e.g., flat fan)	5 Air-inclusion (AI), Air-induction, Venturi 6 Other: specify: 5256 _____ 99 Don't know	5255
d. At what ground speed was this ground boom sprayer(s) typically driven during post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications?	1 <5 MPH 2 5 to <10 MPH 3 10 to <15 MPH	4 15 to <20 MPH 5 20 MPH or greater 99 Don't know	5257
e. At what boom height above ground or crop canopy did this operation typically spray during post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications?	1 <24 inches 2 24 to <36 inches	3 36 inches or greater 99 Don't know	5258
f. What is the target droplet size spectrum for post-emergence insecticide/fungicide applications?	1 Less than 106 microns - extremely fine or very fine 2 106-235 microns - fine 3 236-340 microns - medium 4 341-403 microns - coarse	5 404-502 microns - very coarse 6 503-665 microns - extremely coarse 7 Greater than 665 microns - ultra coarse 99 Don't know	5259

5. Which of the following spraying practices resulted in a sprayer re-calibration in 2020?

Check all that apply.

5261  Computer calibration alert system

5262  Change in product being applied

5263  Observed change in spray pattern (e.g., from worn nozzles)

5264  Scheduled calibration (e.g., daily, monthly, annually)

5265  When moving to a different block or crop

5266  Other, specify: 5268 \_\_\_\_\_

5267  None of the above

6. For the selected field, when did this operation clean the ground boom sprayer tank system in 2020? Check all that apply.

- 5271  Before the season
- 5272  After the season
- 5273  Depended on the product(s)
- 5274  Regularly scheduled cleaning
- 5275  Other, specify: <sup>5277</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- 5276  Never

[Enumerator Note: If response to item 6 = Never (IC 5276), go to item 7, otherwise continue to item 6a and 6b.

a. For each time that the ground boom sprayer was cleaned, how often was a tank cleaner used?.....

- 1 Always (100%)
- 2 Often (51% or more)
- 3 Sometimes (50% or less)
- 4 Never (0%)
- 99 Don't know

Code

5279

b. Did this operation use separate spray rigs for herbicide applications?

- 1  Yes
- 3  No
- 99  Don't know.....

Code

5280

7. For the selected field, what material were a majority of the nozzles made of that were used across all pesticide applications made in 2020? Select one.

- 5281 1  Plastic, such as Polypropylene (i.e. Poly or PP) or other types
- 2  Aluminum, brass, or other soft metal(s)
- 3  Stainless steel including hardened stainless steel
- 4  Porcelain or other ceramic materials
- 5  Other, specify: <sup>5282</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

8. For the selected field, what were the most common reasons for replacing the nozzles on the sprayers in 2020? Check all that apply.

- 5291  Regularly scheduled calendar-based replacement (i.e., annually, twice annually, monthly, etc.)
- 5292  Regularly scheduled replacement based on operating time (i.e., sprayer operating hours)
- 5293  Sporadic replacement based on area covered or general intuition (i.e., it feels like the right time to change nozzles)
- 5294  Calibration problems (i.e., too high or too low a flow rate)
- 5295  Observed nozzle damage (e.g., change in spray pattern or leaks)
- 5296  Availability of new nozzle technologies
- 5297  Expert and/or consultant recommendations (e.g., Cooperative Extension, crop consultants, etc.)
- 5298  Other, specify: <sup>5290</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- 5299  None of the above

9. For the selected field, on what proportion did this operation use hedge rows or other wind-breaking structures that are at least one and a half times the height of the crop canopy for drift reduction in 2020?.....

- 1 0%
- 2 1% - 25%
- 3 26% - 50%
- 4 51% - 75%
- 5 76% - 100%
- 99 Don't know

CODE

5300

10. For the selected field, how often were the following practices used during the season to manage herbicide, fungicide, and insecticide resistance in 2020?

Practice to Manage Resistance for Herbicide, Fungicide, and Insecticide	Only complete if operation uses herbicides How often was each practice used on this operation to manage herbicide resistance? 1 Always (100%) 2 Often (51% or more) 3 Sometimes (50% or less) 4 Never (0%) 99 Don't know	Only complete if operation uses fungicides How often was each practice used on this operation to manage fungicide resistance? 1 Always (100%) 2 Often (51% or more) 3 Sometimes (50% or less) 4 Never (0%) 99 Don't know	Only complete if operation uses insecticides How often was each practice used on this operation to manage insecticide resistance? 1 Always (100%) 2 Often (51% or more) 3 Sometimes (50% or less) 4 Never (0%) 99 Don't know
a. Field mapping weeds and/or keeping records of field history and pesticide use to assist pesticide decisions.....	5332	5333	5334
b. Field Management/Sanitation Practices.....			
i. For weed control (e.g., crop rotation, tillage, planting cover crops, managing field borders, preventing field-to-field and within field movement of weed seed).....	5335		
ii. For disease control (e.g., removing or incorporating field residue to reduce potential disease infestations, managing field borders).....		5336	
iii. For insect control (e.g., removing or incorporating field residue to reduce potential insect infestations, managing field borders).....			5337
c. Planting insect-resistant (e.g., aphids) and/or disease-resistant varieties of soybeans.....		5338	5339
d. Pre-harvest and/or post-harvest control of weeds and/or disease to reduce the return of weed seeds and/or seed-borne diseases.	5340	5341	
e. Use of pest diagnostic tools (e.g., Integrated Pest Management (IPM) treatment thresholds; predictive weather models (e.g., degree day models); pest forecasting systems, and/or assistance from diagnostic networks).....		5342	5343
f. Pesticide Mode of Action (MOA) rotation.....	5344	5345	5346
g. Pesticide Mode of Action (MOA) combination (i.e., tank mix or pre-mix product).....	5347	5348	5349

11. Are the spraying practices for other fields in this operation similar to the spraying practices for this selected field?

5360 1  Yes

3  No - Please explain the difference:<sup>5366</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

99  Don't know



Now I have some questions about your operation-wide pest management decisions and practices for the 2020 soybean crop.

12. How often were the following sources of information used to inform pest management decisions in 2020?

Sources of Information	How often was this source of information used? 1 Always (100%) 2 Often (51% or more) 3 Sometimes (50% or less) 4 Never (0%) 99 Don't know
a. Pesticide product labels.....	5301
b. University and/or Agricultural Cooperative Extension resources/recommendations.....	5303
c. Non-university literature, such as trade magazines, catalogues, newspapers, etc.....	5305
d. Grower/trade group.....	5307
e. Pesticide sales representatives and/or farm supply distributors.....	5309
f. Crop consultants paid for by the operation.....	5311
g. Other grower(s).....	5313
h. Non-university decision tools.....	5315
i. Weather forecasting tools.....	5317
j. Other, Specify: <sup>5319</sup> .....	5320

13. [If 12b = 1, 2, or 3, ask--] Which of the following types of services offered by the University and/or Agricultural Cooperative Extension were most often used as sources of pest management decisions in 2020?

University and/or Agricultural Cooperative Extension Services	How often was this source of information used? 1 Always (100%) 2 Often (51% or more) 3 Sometimes (50% or less) 4 Never (0%) 99 Don't know Code
a. Formal presentations (e.g., annual meetings, educational trainings).....	5322
b. Field days/demonstration workshops.....	5323
c. Farm visits and/or one-on-one consultation.....	5324
d. Email lists.....	5325
e. Newsletters.....	5326
f. Crop and/or Pest Protection Handbook.....	5327
g. Other publications (e.g., fact sheets).....	5328
h. Decision tools.....	5329
i. Other, Specify: <sup>5330</sup> .....	5331

14. In an effort to reduce off-target impacts to plants, pollinators, and/or beneficial insects, did this operation communicate with or consult any of the following sources in 2020? Check all that apply.

- 5351  Neighboring crop producers
- 5352  Nearby beekeepers
- 5353  A local expert, such as an Agricultural Cooperative Extension agent
- 5354  State managed pollinator protection plans, or MP3s - MP3s are state-developed efforts that intend to reduce pesticide exposure through timely communication and coordination among beekeepers, growers, pesticide applicators, and landowners.
- 5355  Driftwatch - Driftwatch is a voluntary communication tool that enables crop producers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators to work together to protect crops and apiaries through the use of mapping programs.
- 5356  Other communication tool(s), Specify: <sup>5358</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- 5357  Other, Specify: <sup>5359</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

15. How often were the following Best Management Practice(s) (BMPs) used during the season in 2020?

Best Management Practices	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How often was this practice used?</p> <p>1 Always (100%)                  2 Often (51% or more)                  3 Sometimes (50% or less)                  4 Never (0%)                  99 Don't know</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Code</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Only answer if column 1 = 1, 2, or 3]                  Was this practice specifically used to prevent exposure to bees?</p> <p>1 Always (100%)                  2 Often (51% or more)                  3 Sometimes (50% or less)                  4 Never (0%)                  99 Don't know</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Code</p>
a. Avoid crop bloom time applications.....	5520	5521
b. Make applications when temperatures are below 50°F.....	5522	5523
c. Maintain buffer between known beehive locations.....	5524	5525
d. Select pesticides that have the lowest residual toxicity to bees..	5526	5527
e. Use alternative application methods of an active ingredient to prevent bee exposure (e.g., non-foliar applications when bees are foraging).....	5528	5529
f. Avoid applications when dew is forecast.....	5530	5531
g. Manage blooming plants in the field before applying pesticides that are acutely toxic to bees (e.g., moving).....	5532	5533
h. Make application(s) at nighttime or no more than two hours prior to sunset.....	5534	5535
i. Other, Specify: <sup>5319</sup> _____.....	5537	5538

16. In 2020, which of the following auditing systems, if any, did this operation participate in? Check all that apply.

5361  GLOBAL G.A.P.

5362  Safe Quality Food (SQF) Program

5363  Other, specify:<sup>5365</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

5364  This operation did not participate in an auditing system

5369  Don't know

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NOTES:

## CONCLUSION

1. To receive the complete results of this survey on the release date, go to [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide\\_to\\_NASS\\_Surveys/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/)  
 To have a brief summary emailed to you at a later date, please enter your email address.

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[Enumerator Note: Thank the respondent, then review this questionnaire.]

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2. Ending time [Military]..... 0005

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**RECORD USE**

3. [Did respondent use farm/ranch records to report--]

CODE

a. [fertilizer data?].....

Yes=1 0011  
No=3

b. [pesticide data?].....

Yes=1 0012  
No=3

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0012

**SUPPLEMENTS USED**

4. [Record the total number of each type of questionnaire supplement used to complete this interview.....

Fertilizer Supplements

NUMBER

0041

Pesticide Supplements

0042

0041
0042

Operation Email: (if different from above)

Operation Phone:

9937	9936	check if cell phone
	( ) -	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respondent Name:

Respondent Phone (if different from above)

9912	9911	check if cell phone	9910	MM	DD	YY
	( ) -	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date:			

**This completes the survey. Thank you for your help.**

OFFICE USE										
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9921	9922	9923	9927	9928	923	9907	922	9906	9916	
Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	POID			
1-Comp 2-R 3-Inac 4-Office Hold		9901 1-Op/Mgr 2-Spouse 3-Acct/Bkpr 4-Partner 9-Other		9902 2-PATI (tel) 3-PAPI (Face-to-Face)		9903 9998		9989		
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