

REQUEST TO SHARE SAMPLES WITH THE *United Soybean Board*



Question 8a of the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's annual Soybean Objective Yield Survey requests your permission for NASS to share the soybean sample collected from your field with the United Soybean Board (USB) for compositional analysis. With your approval, USB will have your sample analyzed for characteristics valued by soybean product end users. Results from your sample will remain anonymous. They will be combined with those from other soybean growers to allow USB to create a national picture of soybean component quality.

THE "COMPOSITION OPPORTUNITY"

Soybeans are utilized and valued based upon specific compositional characteristics. Each nutritional, food, feed, or industrial component has value for a wide range of different customers and their specific needs. That is why it is vital to document crop quality nationwide. Our knowledge about these components will help maintain our global competitiveness and aid efforts to increase prices received by farmers.

While yield has gone up, some value components such as protein have gone down. The primary objective of this compositional analysis study is to create targets for our plant breeding efforts to reverse this trend to make U.S. soybeans more competitive – and more valuable – in the global marketplace.

Pending USDA–NASS review and approval, information will be available through the USB website. Information from previous crop years can be accessed by the following link:

<https://extension.umn.edu/soybean/soybean-seed-quality>



Information is presented in tables, charts and data-maps. The data map presented here is just one example.

On behalf of USB, we appreciate your consideration and request you mark "YES" to question 8a on the Soybean Objective Yield Survey.

For more information, please contact Lisa Weaver with SmithBucklin, a contractor to USB, by dialing (636) 699-0477. The farmer-directors of USB oversee the investments of the soy checkoff to maximize profit opportunities for all U.S. soybean farmers. These volunteers invest and leverage checkoff funds to build preference for U.S. soybeans by addressing and meeting end-users' needs, specifically in the areas of meal, oil and sustainability. As stipulated in the federal Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the Soy checkoff.