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WYATT WHITFORD RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FROM STATE SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION

RALEIGH, N.C. – Wyatt Whitford received the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association's Meritorious Service Award at the association's 47th annual meeting in Durham, N.C. on Jan. 16, 2014. The award recognizes one producer and one individual in the industry for their outstanding contributions to N.C. soybean farmers. Whitford received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his volunteer service to the soybean industry, both as a board member of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association since 2002, as the North Carolina representative to the American Soybean Association and most recently, his election as secretary of the American Soybean Association. The award was presented to Whitford by Bernard Lennon, president of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association.

Whitford farms with his cousin, Scotty Whitford, in Craven and Pamlico counties, where they grow soybeans, corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco. He has served on the American Soybean Association board since 2007, and held a leadership position planning the association's annual conference since 2012. While Whitford has volunteered at the state level for seven years, his appointment to a national office in the soybean industry is a major commitment of volunteer time and effort. Whitford will increasingly work on national soybean policy issues in Washington, D.C. and other cities around the U.S.

For more information, call Charles Hall, Chief Executive Officer of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association at (800) 839-5775.

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is a statewide trade association representing all N.C. soybean producers, responsible for research, education and promotion programs to benefit the state's soybean farmers. The association is the qualified state board responsible for administering national soybean checkoff programs in North Carolina. The association is the state affiliate of the American Soybean Association (ASA.)