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### **IREDELL COUNTY FARMERS WIN SOYBEAN YIELD CONTEST**

RALEIGH, NC – Harris Brothers Farms of Iredell County won the annual North Carolina Soybean Yield Contest with an entry of 90.9 bushels per acre. Bill and Gene Harris received the top yield award from Commissioner Steve Troxler of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and Dr. Jim Dunphy, Soybean Extension Specialist with the Crop Science Department at North Carolina State University, at the Annual Commodity Conference of the North Carolina corn, cotton, small grains and soybean associations, Jan. 16, 2014, in Durham, N.C. The soybean yield contest is administered by North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension and the awards are sponsored by the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association. The winning entries were announced on Jan. 16, 2013.

The Harris' received a plaque and one expense-paid trip to Commodity Classic, the national conference and trade show for the U.S. corn, sorghum, soybean and wheat industries, in San Antonio, Texas on Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2014. Iredell County Extension Agent Theresa Herman was the soybean agent for the Harris Brother's entry. Herman will receive one expense-paid trip to Commodity Classic for her role in producing the winning yield.

Carey Parrish of Poplar Neck Farms of Chowan County was runner-up with a yield of 90.0 bushels per acre. The Chowan County soybean agent assisting with production was Lewis Smith, Jr. Corey Parrish received the second place award for Poplar Neck Farms.

Renee Pendleton of Pasquotank County received the third place award with a yield of 82.8 bushels per acre. The soybean agent is Al Wood of N.C. Cooperative Extension in Pasquotank County.

Area winners in the yield contest were:

(Northern Piedmont) – Kevin Matthews of Forsyth Co., 75.6 bushels per acre; Tim Hambrick was the agent.

(Southern Coastal Plain) – A.L. (Allan) Baucom, Inc. of Robeson Co., 68.9 bushels per acre; Mac Malloy was the agent.

(Northern Coastal Plain) – Sharp Farms Inc. of Wilson Co., 63.7 bushels per acre; Norman Harrell was the agent.

The area yield winners each received a plaque and a \$50 cash award from the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association. All soybean growers producing a yield of 70 bushels or more per acre were recognized with a certificate by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. The contest is based on yield from a measured and verified three-acre plot. The state record entry of 92.9 bushels per acre was set in 2006 by Phil and Mike McLain of Iredell County.

### **Circle S Ranch of Union County Wins Efficiency Contest**

In the annual Most Efficient Yield Contest, Circle S Ranch of Union County placed first in the state with a per bushel cost of \$3.42, Travis Starnes received the first place award on behalf of Circle S Ranch from Commissioner Troxler and Dr. Dunphy at the Annual Commodity Conference on Jan. 16. Circle S Ranch received an expense-paid trip to the Commodity Classic in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 27 – Mar. 1, 2014.

The Most Efficient Yield Contest rewards producers for achieving the lowest cost of production for soybeans on a per bushel basis. Other area winners in the most efficient yield contest were: (Tidewater) – Earl Davenport of Chowan Co., \$3.90 per bushel; (Northern Piedmont) – Ervin Lewis of Guilford Co., \$4.45 per bushel; (Southern Coastal Plain) – A.L. (Allan) Baucom, Inc. of Robeson Co., \$4.49 per bushel; and (Northern Coastal Plain) – E.H. (Bert) Dixon of Greene Co., \$5.56 per bushel.

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.)

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