

Jeff Tyson of Nashville was recently elected president of the N.C. Soybean Producers Association at the 52nd annual meeting in Durham. David Heath of Dover was elected vice president, Gary Hendrix of Raeford was elected secretary and John Fleming of Tarboro was elected treasurer.

Greg Manning of Nashville, Ben Moses of Conway, Michael McPherson of Mebane, Chris Naylor of Clinton and Philip Sloop of Mount Ulla were elected to serve on the executive committee.

In addition, soybean producers also elected the following new members to serve on the board of directors:

- Reid Gelderman of Pantego, representing Hyde County;
- Phil Gore of Nakina, representing Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties;
- Auston Harris of Kinston, representing Greene, Lenoir, Wayne and Wilson counties;
- Forrest Howell of Plymouth, representing Beaufort County;
- Ben Long of Scotland Neck, representing Martin and Pitt counties;
- Duncan Malloy of Lumber Bridge, representing Hoke, Scotland and Robeson counties;
- Wade Stanaland of Bladenboro, representing Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties;
- Logan Watson of Monroe, representing Gaston, Mecklenburg and Union counties.

The following current directors were re-elected to the board:

- Curtis Furr of Albemarle, representing Anson, Cabarrus, Chatham, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Stanly counties;
- Simmy Williams of Shiloh, representing Camden and Currituck counties.

Directors serve a three-year term and are responsible for overseeing the research, marketing and communications work of the association, as well as the association's advocacy work on behalf of soybean farmers.

In other business, the Matthews Family Farm of Davie County won the 2018 annual North Carolina Soybean Yield Contest with an entry of 104.5 bushels per acre. The county soybean agent is Marsha McGraw of Davie County Cooperative Extension. Kevin Matthews was presented a plaque, and Matthews and McGraw will receive an expense-paid trip to Commodity Classic, the national conference and trade show for the U.S. corn, sorghum, soybean and wheat industries, in Orlando, Fla.

Johnny Moore of Iredell County was runner-up in the yield contest with a yield of 94 bushels per acre. Doug and Billy Mercer of Pasquotank County and James Allen of Washington County tied for the third-highest yield with 91.5 bushels per acre. Locklear Brothers Farm of Robeson County had the highest yield in the Southern Coastal Plain area with 84 bushels per acre. Sharp Farms Inc. of Wilson County had the highest yield in the Northern Coastal Plain area at 82.4 bushels per acre.

Temple Family Farms of Pasquotank County placed first in the state in the Most Efficient Yield category, with a total cost of \$4.75 per bushel. Temple Family Farms will receive one expense-paid trip to the Commodity Classic in Orlando, Fla. The soybean yield contest is administered by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service at N.C. State University and sponsored by the N.C. Soybean Producers Association.