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To: Soybean Researchers

From: Colleen Klein, Executive Director
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Date: October 1, 2023

Subject: Request for 2024 Research Proposals— DUE November 15, 2023.

The New York Corn & Soybean Growers Association is requesting proposals for 2024 soybean research. Proposals must be received no later than **midnight on NOVEMBER 15, 2023** at:

NYCSGA
PO Box 133
Silver Springs, NY 14550

Emailed proposals formatted as a PDF are encouraged and should be sent to Colleen Klein at **cklein@nycornsoy.com**.

Funding decisions are expected to be made by January 1, 2024. NYCGSA reserves the right to negotiate award/contract funding with successful applicants.

The available funds for 2024 research projects will be awarded with funds collected from NYCSGA's Soybean checkoff assessments, and will be based on actual and anticipated collection of checkoff assessments received in New York State.

Eligible researchers/ investigators may include scientists from colleges and universities or agri-businesses, cooperative extension agents, independent consultants and farmers. Collaboration between academic institutions, businesses and farmers is encouraged.

Please use the following format for your proposal:

1. Project title
2. Investigator(s) name, contact information, and affiliation (contact information should include, phone, address, email).
3. Specific research or education objectives
4. Brief discussion of the expected benefits of the research to soybean producers.



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5. Identify the goal(s) of the project, and list the “key performance indicators” that will be used to measure the success of the project. *
6. Concise description of the experimental approach with procedures to be used, and explanation of how the proposed research relates to any past research or showing that no previous research has been done (reference key research publications as appropriate).
7. Detailed line-item budget including any other sources (current or pending) of funding for this same research. Attach supporting data for any proposed expenditures in excess of \$10,000. **Principal investigator salary and benefits and non-expendable equipment are not eligible for funding. NYCSGA will not pay overhead costs.**
8. Brief description of investigator qualifications for the proposed research.
9. Signature of authorized representative & date.

**A set of quantifiable measures used to gauge or compare performance in terms of meeting strategic and operational goals.*

Note: If on farm field trials or other farmer engagement is part of the research proposal, then please include letters of collaboration from participating farmers.

While NYCSGA will consider multi-year proposals, funding awards/ contracts will only be made for one year at a time given that the Board’s source of funds varies by annual soybean sales and checkoff assessment collections. This also allows the Board to consider the effectiveness of any previous research on the proposed or similar research projects and of the researcher on this or other projects. Payments of research grant awards will be reimbursed quarterly following the receipt of the contractor’s quarterly report and invoice.

The following is a summary of New York’s highest priority soybean-related research needs. We encourage you to consider this list as guidance when submitting your proposals. All proposals must clearly show the benefits for soybean farmers.

2024 New York State Soybean Research & Education Priorities:

- Soybean Seed Treatments and/or exploration of alternatives
- Climate resilient farming and sustainability solutions
- Integrated pest management in soybeans
- Feeding quality benefits for livestock, particularly dairy cattle
- Development of new uses
- Feasibility or development of in-state soybean processing
- Economic analysis of soybean exports specific to New York
- Biodiesel usage and impact



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Remember - this is not an exclusive list. If you have an idea for a project that is not listed here but has the potential to benefit New York soybean farmers, you are invited to enter a full proposal.

If further information is needed by NYCSGA during project considerations a conference call may be required.

NYCSGA will require that researchers who are successful in receiving NYCSGA funding for their work will acknowledge NYCSGA and soybean checkoff support in any publication reporting findings of the NYCSGA sponsored research. Projects awarded funding by the New York Soybean Checkoff must demonstrate a **direct benefit** to soybean farmers. In addition, NYCSGA requires electronic copies of the final research reports, any publications of the findings, and a research abstract, all of which NYCSGA may use in describing the project and its findings in any NYCSGA publication or the website.

For more information, please call Colleen Klein, NYCSGA Executive Director at 585-689-2321, email cklein@nycornsoy.com.

