TO: Soybean Variety Producers  January 27, 2012

FROM: Ralph W. Esgar  Darin Joos  Brian Henry
Agronomist  Senior Research Specialist  Research Specialist

RE: Entry into the 2012 Conventional and Roundup Resistant Soybean Testing Program

Use the enclosed application to enter varieties into the 2012 Illinois Soybean Trials.  2012 marks the 44th year the soybean trials have been conducted by the University of Illinois Variety Testing Program.  The trials are professionally managed and conducted in a research-based manner to minimize variability and ensure the integrity of the results.  The University of Illinois Variety Testing Program believes it is important to have current performance information available to the farmers of Illinois.  The Soybean Trials will assist you in evaluating genetic materials over different environments, in comparing your varieties with others, and as an educational tool as you introduce new varieties to farmers.  Performance reports issued by this program are generally regarded as the premier source of objective third party information on soybean varieties in Illinois.  Your continued participation will ensure the newest and best varieties are compared in these trials.

Nothing in this Agreement grants to the University any intellectual property rights in the varieties you provide to us under this Agreement.  Except for the approved uses shown on the Copyright/Advertising Policy below, neither party will use the name of the other in any form of advertising or publicity without the express written permission of the other party.  Applicant shall seek permission from the University of Illinois by submitting the proposed use, well in advance of any deadline, to the Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs, University of Illinois, Third Floor Swanlund Administration Building, 601 East John Street, Champaign, IL 61820; fax (217) 244-7124.

PLEASE NOTE. Conventional varieties (including conventional and de-regulated herbicide resistant varieties) and Roundup Resistant varieties will be accepted and evaluated in separate trials.  If possible, include a 1 lbs. UNTREATED seed sample for any variety entered with a seed treatment.  Our shipping address for seed is new in 2012.

Please fill out all information requested on the Excel entry form and e-mail your completed form by March 1, 2012 to resgar@illinois.edu.

All checks should be made payable to the University of Illinois and mailed with a signed and completed form to:

Julie Price
Department of Crop Sciences
AW-101 Turner Hall
1102 South Goodwin Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801

Seed requirements are as follows:

7 lbs for Regions 1, 2 & 3; 5 lbs for Regions 4 & 5.

Please send all available seed samples by March 15, 2012, including documentation of when any unavailable varieties will arrive to:

Ralph Esgar
University of Illinois
Variety Testing
2711 South Wright St
Urbana, IL 61801
The University will use good faith efforts to plant, harvest and calculate the results of every entry accepted; however, the University shall not be liable for loss of crop or data unless caused by the University’s gross negligence or intentional misconduct. In no event shall the University be liable to refund any testing fees paid. THE UNIVERSITY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESULTS PROVIDED TO YOU UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

Entry forms will be available on our website in an Excel format. We continue to ask that all seed be clearly labeled with the compound(s) applied and MSDS sheets be included with the seed samples shipped to our office. A variety may be treated with an insecticide (only if a label has been granted for soybeans) or bacteria, please specifically identify all products applied to the seed. This information will appear in the published results.

**Disease screening:** The majority of the entries will be assessed for resistance reaction to economically important diseases including soybean cyst nematode, Phytophthora root rot (race 17 and 7), soybean aphids, Sclerotina white mold, sudden death syndrome, soybean mosaic virus, green stem, frogeye leaf spot, and root knot nematode. Contact information along with details about diseases and screening methods can be found at [www.vipsoybeans.org](http://www.vipsoybeans.org).

**Field evaluations** - Disease resistance evaluation of varieties will be completed at different locations depending on what diseases predominate. Field evaluations could include seedling diseases, foliar and stem diseases at R5-7 growth stage, and stem and seed diseases at harvest maturity.

**Greenhouse evaluations** - Varieties will be evaluated for resistance to several pathogens of economic importance. All disease ratings, especially SDS, will include a field rating when possible. We recognize that the greenhouse screen is very severe but allows us to construct conditions to identify the very best resistance levels. The field screen is able to identify varieties with partial resistance.

All varieties at all locations will be evaluated for protein and oil content.

Varieties may be entered in the following regions: **Region 1-DeKalb, Mt. Morris and Erie, Region 2-Monmouth, Goodfield and Dwight, Region 3-Perry, New Berlin and Urbana, Region 4-St. Peter and Belleville, Region 5-Elkville and Harrisburg**, see the map for details. A Roundup Resistant and Conventional trial will be conducted at all locations this year.

If a variety has been entered in previous years with a different name, please indicate the name change on the entry blank. This will ensure 2 and 3 year averages will be calculated when appropriate.

All 30-inch row width Conventional and Roundup Resistant trials will be conducted on a regional basis. Weed control for the Conventional trials will consist of a conventional herbicide program along with cultivation and hand weeding as needed. Weed control for the Roundup Resistant trial will consist of pre-emergence foundation herbicide and post-emergence applications of Roundup when weeds are 4-5 inches tall along with cultivation and hand weeding as needed.

Tests will be conducted as alpha-lattice or randomized complete block designs, with three replications. The 30-inch row width trials will have 4 rows per plot, 21 feet long. The center 2 rows of each plot will be harvested. You may indicate a seeding rate; otherwise the seeding rate will be 9-10 seeds per foot of row. We will not inoculate any seed.

The ISCB is compiling a list of producer nominated varieties to be included in the 2012 Soybean Trials. Ideally, varieties entered from the nomination list would not have otherwise been entered by the company. The intention is to include varieties that have an established history with many producers, in most cases a company can’t justify paying entry fees for these established varieties. I will forward company nomination lists to each company when this list is available to me. At that time the nominated varieties can be incorporated into the entries made by the company.
Dear Entrant of the University of Illinois Crop Testing Programs:

The Crop Testing Programs Copyright / Advertising Policy described here has several objectives, including:

- Proper use of the University of Illinois’s name
- Proper use of the data
- Fairness to all companies
- Reasonable procedures

The advertising policy is designed to encourage use of the data in a fair and uniform manner. Proper reference of the bulletin will be required to accompany any advertisement, with a disclaimer included in the ad.

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Some examples of possible ads follow.

Example 1: ‘Company’ ‘variety’ had the highest regional yield (60.0 bu/A)* in the 2012 Region 1 trial.

Example 2: ‘Company’ had the #1, 3 & 5 ranked regional yield* among cultivars entered in the 2012 Region 1 trial.

Example 3: ‘Company’ ‘variety’ yielded 60.0 bu/A* in the 2012 Region 1 trial, which is ‘significantly’ better than the trial average of 53.0 bu/A at the 25% L.S.D. level.

[With the following to appear after each such advertising statement:]

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**Refer to the publication list below to get the appropriate title for the crop of interest.

Our goal is to create an environment that will encourage companies to freely enter varieties without fear of negative advertising, this should benefit all involved. Please pass this information on to those promoting your companies’ cultivars. Abuses will result in action to prevent the problem from occurring in the future.

2012 Publication List:

Wheat Performance in Illinois Trials - 2012, 2012-01

Forage Crop Variety Trials in Illinois - 2012, 2012-02

Corn Hybrid Test Results in Illinois - 2012, 2012-03

Soybean Variety Test Results in Illinois - 2012, 2012-04
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**Please send a separate 1 lbs. UNTREATED seed sample for any treated variety to be included in the soybean aphid screen and protein and oil analysis of the pre-plant seed sample.
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SOYBEAN TESTING PROGRAM APPLICATION - CONVENTIONAL TRIAL

Please print or type below the name of the individual, with the address and phone number, to whom all correspondence concerning these trials should be directed. The company address and phone number will be used in all publications unless notified differently.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES AT $180 = _______ X $180 = _______

NUMBER OF ENTRIES AT $270 = _______ X $270 = _______

TOTAL FEES DUE IN 2012 = _______

ALL APPLICATIONS AND CHECKS ARE DUE MARCH 1, 2012.

ALL AVAILABLE SEED SAMPLES ARE DUE MARCH 15, 2012.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

PLEASE SEND FORMS & CHECKS TO:

JULIE PRICE  RALPH ESGAR
DEPT OF CROP SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AW-101 TURNER HALL VARIETY TESTING
1102 SOUTH GOODWIN AVE. 2711 SOUTH RACE ST
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In addition, e-mail the completed form to resgar@illinois.edu.

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