



Ransom County Crop & Livestock Improvement Association

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Dear Seed Companies,

The Ransom and Sargent County Crop Improvement Associations are once again teaming up with NDSU to host replicated soybean variety test plots in their respective counties. Entries are being collected for soybean varieties to be entered in each of the respective county variety trial test plots this summer. The entry fee is for one variety to be entered in each county plot. Each county plot will be overseen by their respective county crop improvement associations. NDSU will take the lead in randomizing the plots, planting, maintaining, and harvesting the plots and generating the final reports at the end of the season. Ransom and Sargent County Crop Improvement Associations feel this arrangement is a benefit to the producers in the area.

When you enter a variety you will be entering that variety in both locations for one fee. You will not have the choice to pick which plots you want to be involved in, nor will you be able to change varieties between the plots. The fee to enter a variety into both plots will be \$275 per variety. NDSU will be planting, monitoring, harvesting, and collecting data on the plots. The results will be made available through the NDSU Soybean Variety Trial website and also in the Variety Trial publication at the end of 2020. Plots will be Round-up Ready, and be limited to the first 60 varieties that are entered and paid for. Contracts that are received through email, fax or mail that are not accompanied by payment will not be considered entered in the plot until payment has been received. Each seed company will be allowed to enter as many varieties in the plots as they wish. Each plot will be replicated. Plot tours will be up to each individual county on whether or not they will hold a plot tour and when the plot tours will be held. Plot maps will be made available as soon as we get them from NDSU.

Enclosed is the 2020 soybean plot contract. All contracts and fees will be collected by Ransom County Extension. We ask that contracts be paid-in-full and returned by April 10, 2020 to avoid late fees. If contract and fees are received after April 10, but before April 15 a late fee of \$200 per variety will be assessed. **No entries will be accepted after April 15.** All payments must be received before the plot is planted. If payment has not been made prior to planting varieties will not be planted. Seed must be delivered to the Ransom County Extension office no later than April 15. If seed is not delivered by April 15 seed will not be planted and entry fees will not be refunded.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to give us a call at (701) 683-6128 and we will be happy to visit with you.

If you are receiving this information and you are not the person working with plot entries we would ask that you would forward on to the correct individual and let our office know of the change so we can update our information.

Sincerely,

Brian Zimprich
Ransom County Crop & Livestock Association
Secretary/Treasurer