

2025 MICHIGAN SOYBEAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

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This report provides information on the performance of Conventional and Roundup Ready soybean varieties in Michigan in 2025.

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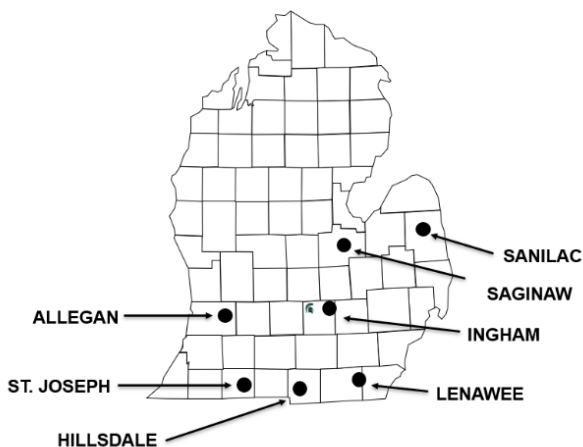
TESTING PROCEDURES

Soybean trials are reported for Central and South zones of Michigan. The Central locations for the Conventional and Roundup Ready trials include test sites in Allegan, Ingham, Saginaw, and Sanilac Counties. The Southern locations for the Conventional and Roundup Ready trials include test sites in Hillsdale, Ingham, Lenawee, and St. Joseph (irrigated) Counties.

Nineteen seed companies entered a total of 151 commercial varieties, not including the 48 experimental MSU lines. The cooperators, planting dates, harvest dates, and other site details for the locations are listed below.

Seed was planted in 6-row plots, 20 feet long with 15-inch row spacing, at a depth of 1.5-inches. The planting rate was 160,000 seeds/acre. At each location, varieties were replicated three times in a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD). All locations were planted to 17 feet with 3-foot alleys. Alleys in Allegan County were trimmed to 5 feet wide, other alleys were not trimmed. Only the center four rows were harvested. Experimental design, data management, and data analysis were conducted with Genovix, (Agronomix Software, Inc., Winnipeg, Canada).

2025 TEST SITE COUNTY LOCATIONS



TEST SITE INFORMATION

Lenawee County

Nearest city: Britton
Cooperator: Jason Woods
Planting date: May 30, 2025
Harvest date: October 27, 2025
Previous crop: Corn
Soil type: Silty Clay Loam
Fertilizer: 200 lbs. K₂O
Herbicides: Pre-emerge – 8 oz./A Authority Supreme,
11 oz./A Metribuzin

Hillsdale County

Nearest city: Reading
Cooperator: Matt Lennard
Planting date: May 27, 2025
Harvest date: October 14, 2025
Previous crop: Corn
Soil type: Matherton Loam
Fertilizer: Potash/DAP grid sampled
Herbicides: Pre-emerge – 8 oz./A Authority Supreme, 11
oz./A Metribuzin
Post-emerge – 32 oz./A Bassagran, 32 oz./A Tapout

St. Joseph County - Irrigated

Nearest city: Mendon
Cooperator: Roger, Anne Gentz and Family
Planting date: May 28, 2025
Harvest date: October 16, 2025
Previous crop: Seed Corn
Soil type: Oshtemo Sandy Loam
Fertilizer: 125# Potash & 75# K-mag
Herbicides: Pre-emerge – 8 oz./A Authority Supreme, 11
oz./A Metribuzin

Ingham County

Nearest city: Webberville
Cooperator: Walnut-Vu Farm
Planting date: May 19, 2025
Harvest date: October 13, 2025
Previous crop: Corn
Soil type: Conover Loam
Fertilizer: None
Herbicides: Pre-emerge – 8 oz./A Authority Supreme,
11oz./A Metribuzin

Allegan County

Nearest city: Hopkins
Cooperator: Paul Collier
Planting date: June 2, 2025
Harvest date: October 17, 2025
Previous crop: Corn
Soil type: Sebewa Loam
Fertilizer: 175# Potash
Herbicides: Pre-emerge – Authority Supreme, Dual,
Metribuzin
Post Conventional Trials – 32 oz./A Bassagran, 5 oz./A
Raptor, 16 oz./A Topgun
Secondary Post: Conventional – 12.5 oz./A Cobra

Saginaw County

Nearest city: Saginaw
Cooperator: Tom Hoff
Planting date: May 15, 2025
Harvest date: October 6, 2025
Previous crop: Soybeans
Soil type: Tappan Loam
Fertilizer: 200 lbs. Potash
Herbicides: Pre-emerge: 8 oz./A Authority Supreme, 11 oz./A Metribuzin

Sanilac County

Nearest city: Sandusky
Cooperator: Gerstenberger Farms, Inc.
Planting date: May 15, 2025
Harvest date: October 16, 2025
Previous crop: Corn
Soil type: Parkhill Loam
Fertilizer: Variable Rate
Herbicides: Pre-emerge 16 oz./A Lorox, 24 oz./A Medal II
Post Conventional Trials – 32 oz./A Bassagran,
Post Roundup Ready Trials – 32 oz./A Bassagran, 24 oz./A
Glyphosate

GROWING CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS

A review of Michigan's 2025 growing season shows that a dry spring with moderate weather provided for some early planting and overall normal planting conditions. The planting season for the MSU soybean research plots ran from May 15th to June 2nd.

Soybeans experienced favorable mid-season moisture from July rains. However, August-September drought conditions hit most of Michigan, especially from the Saginaw Bay to Grand Rapids area. This stressed late pods and, in some cases, affected bean size. Due to dry conditions at the Hillsdale location, slight field variations affected yield and caused high coefficient of variation, so yield data is not included in this report.

Overall weather patterns provided warm temperatures in September and through most of October. Most soybeans were dry and ready to harvest slightly earlier than normal. Soybean performance trial harvest ran from October 6 through October 27. The Lenawee location ended with very high yield.

USING THE DATA

Results are presented in Tables 1 through 6.

Yield: Yield is expressed as bushels per acre at 13% moisture and is reported as single and across site means for 2025. Two- and three-year means are also presented where applicable.

Height: Plant height, reported in inches, was measured at maturity from the soil surface to the tip of the main stem. The reported values are means of 3 replications at all sites.

Lodging: Lodging scores reflect the erectness of the plants before harvest. The reported values are means of 3 replications at all sites. Ratings are based on the following scale:

- 1= Almost all plants are erect.
- 2= All plants leaning slightly, or fewer than 25% of the plants are down.
- 3= All plants leaning moderately (45%), or 25% to 50% of the plants are down.
- 4= All plants leaning considerably, or 50% to 80% of the plants are down.
- 5= Almost all plants are down.

Protein and Oil Content: Protein and oil content of the seed was determined using near-infrared reflectance and is expressed on a **DRY MATTER** basis. The analysis was done on seed from all 3 replications from the Ingham location.

Phytophthora Resistance: Information on the presence of Phytophthora resistant genes were provided by the organizations entering varieties. Varieties denoted with:

- 1a are resistant to phytophthora Races 1, 2, 10, 11, 13-20, 24, 26 & 27.
- 1b are resistant to Races 1, 3-9, 13, 15, 18, 21, & 22.
- 1c are resistant to Races 1-3, 6-11, 13-15, 17, 21, 23, 24 & 26.
- 1k are resistant to Races 1-11, 13-15, 17, 18, 20-24 & 26.
- 3 are resistant to Races 1-5, 8 and 9.
- 6 are resistant to Races 1-4, 10, 12, 14-16, 18-21 & 25.
- 7 are resistant to Races 12, 16, 18 & 19.

Soybean Cyst Nematode Resistance (SCN): Seed companies that screen varieties for SCN resistance have indicated if the variety has known susceptibility or resistance:

- R – Resistant
- MR – Moderately Resistant
- S – Susceptible
- MS – Moderately Susceptible

These notations followed by a number indicate the identified cyst nematode race. The source of resistance was mostly PI88788 with some Peking and PI89722. Sources are found in parenthesis after the variety name in the variety list table.

SELECTING A VARIETY

Some of the varieties in the conventional trials have special traits such as a specific oil profile, which growers can sell for premium prices. Talk to the seed dealer about premium varieties. Seed dealers and their contact information are listed in the 'Index of Varieties and the "Directory of Companies".

LSD values (least significant difference) are found at the bottom of each data column and are useful when comparing two varieties in the same table. If the difference between two varieties is less than the LSD value, this difference is probably due to chance or minor environmental differences. However, if the difference between two varieties is greater than the LSD, there is a 95% or greater probability that the difference in performance is due to the greater yield potential of one variety. Valid comparisons can only be made between averages in the same column. The C.V. (coefficient of variation) can be found at the bottom of each data column and is indicative of the trial precision. Lower C.V. values are associated with higher precision.

The primary consideration in selecting a variety is yield. When evaluating a variety, consider yield performance over locations and across several years, if available. Considerations other than yield are also important in selecting a variety. It is especially important to select a variety that will mature before the first frost in the fall.

The degree of lodging varies among varieties. Lodging ratings should be used to evaluate potential harvest losses. Growers who have experienced lodging in the past and have had harvest problems may want to select a more lodging-resistant variety. Alternatively, a variety susceptible to lodging may be planted at a slightly lower population to increase standability.

Growers should note seed size when selecting planting rates. Planting rates should be based on number of seeds per acre and not on pounds per acre. It often benefits growers to select a few good varieties for planting each year. Yield determination and careful field evaluation during the growing season will add to the grower's knowledge of variety performance and allow for better selection.

HERBICIDE TRAITS

The column in the chart labeled HERB contains the variety of herbicide resistance.

- Conv=conventional
- LL=Liberty Link
- RR1=Roundup Ready
- RR2X=Roundup Ready 2 Extend
- XF=Extend Flex
- E3=Enlist E3
- GT27=Glyphosate Tolerant
- LLGT27=Liberty Link and Glyphosate Tolerant

SEED TREATMENT

Treated soybean seed submitted for Michigan State University's Soybean Performance Trials are noted by abbreviation in the 'TMT' column. Questions concerning treatments should be directed to the seed company. Contact information can be found in the 'Directory of Companies'.

Code	Treatment
• A	Apron
• ACL	Acceleron-Insecticide
• AM	Apron Maxx (Maxim)
• CM	Cruiser Maxx-Insecticide
• CM-APX	Cruiser Maxx APX-Fungicide/Insecticide
• DFender	Defender-Fungicide
• ESC	Escalate-Fungicide/Insecticide/Nematicide
• ECL-Trio	Eclipse Trio-Fungicide
• Eq-VAYO	Equity VAYO-Fungicide/Insecticide
• I	ILeVO (BayerCropScience)-Nematicide
• L-COAT	L-COAT TOTAL-Fungicide/Insecticide
• LLLSS	Lumiderm- Insecticide, Lumiantefungicide, LumiTreo- Fungicide, Senator 600 FS- Insecticide, Sebring- Fungicide
• N-Durance	Innoculant
• Obv	Obvius Plus-Fungicide
• P	Poncho-Insecticide/Nematicide
• Rel	Relenya-Fungicide
• Sa	Salto-Nematicide
• Sen	Senator 600 FS- Insecticide
• Step2	Stepup 2.0- Protein and amino acid supplement
• SSS	Seed Shield Select-Fungicide/Insecticide
• Titan	Titan-Insecticide
• T-Elite	Titan Elite ST- Biostimulant & Fungicide/Insecticide
• UT	Untreated
• Vib	Vibrance Maxx-Fungicide
• V	Votivo-Insecticide/Nematicide
• Vay	VayantisIV-Maxim/Apron/Sedaxane/Vayantis
• WycKOAT	WycKOAT- Soy-Defense + Salto