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The Ohio Soybean Association

Headquartered in Worthington, Ohio, The Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) is governed by a volunteer farmer board dedicated to education and promotion, as well as to uniting producer interest through support of legislative activities beneficial to the Ohio soybean industry.

As a grassroots organization, the Ohio Soybean Association's mission is to provide leadership for Ohio's soybean producers in promoting effective policies and legislation to ensure a growing and profitable soybean industry.

The Ohio Soybean Association focuses on the following:

- Representing all Ohio soybean producers
 - Encouraging membership of all Ohio soybean producers
 - Generating legislative effectiveness
 - Focusing and uniting producer interests
 - Educating and promoting the soybean industry
 - Representing Ohio soybean farmers' interests at the national level on the American Soybean Association board
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State Legislation

Water Quality/Nutrient Management

- The Ohio Soybean Association (OSA) strongly supports implementation of the 4R concept of nutrient management. Properly managed fertilizers supporting cropping systems that provide economic, social, and environmental benefits
- OSA believes if a state fertilizer use certification program is developed, the program must utilize farmer education tools to provide training resources to farmers.

State Budget

- Ohio Department of Agriculture: The Division of Animal Health has seen the addition of new programs; additional funds are needed to ensure adequate funding for veterinarians and inspectors to minimize the risk of potential disease line the livestock herds.
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources: Funding for the Clean Lake Erie Fund was brought forth in FY2013. OSA supports continued funding for the fund to be utilized to come up with feasible practices to reduce phosphorus in Lake Erie.
- Board of Regents: OSA supports full funding of Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory at Lake Erie, The Ohio State University Extension and The Ohio State University Agricultural Research and Development Center.



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Commodity Handlers Fund

- OSA supports maintaining a farmer funded program that “insures” the investment of agricultural products stored at a commercial licensed grain handling facility.

Biobased Product Procurement

- OSA supports the implementation of Senate Bill 131 (128th General Assembly).
- OSA believes the reporting requirements for the respective agencies of state government should be streamlined to minimize the “red-tape” necessary for state agencies to comply with the reporting requirements.

Biodiesel Use

- OSA supports the usage of biodiesel by state vehicles and heavy equipment to aid in the mitigation of federal non-attainment zone requirements.
- OSA encourages the Ohio Legislature to explore the impact of a biodiesel requirement or incentives on all fuel sold in Ohio.

Transportation

- OSA believes higher weight limits should be implemented when technology shows the increased limits are appropriate due to modern equipment
- OSA supports timely and consistent inspections of bridges in rural areas, and adequate funding for bridge maintenance.

Jobs and Economic Development

- OSA encourages JobsOhio to retain a senior level official with experience in agribusiness, rural development, or food/meat processing industries.
 - OSA encourages JobsOhio to develop funding specifically for attracting food and agricultural companies to Ohio.
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What You Should Know About Soybeans

- In processing, soybeans are cleaned, cracked, dehulled and rolled into flakes. This process separates the oil and meal components.
- Soybean oil is used in food products, such as salad dressings and mayonnaise, and industrial products such as plastics and biodiesel.
- Ohio is ranked 6th in soybean production across the United States.
- The annual economic impact from soybean production in Ohio is \$5.3 billion.
- There are 26,000 soybean farmers in Ohio.