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TOPEKA — The Kansas Soybean Association has announced winners of the 2016 Kansas Soybean Yield and Value Contests.

The best farming practices, wisely selected seedstock varieties and a favorable growing season helped Kansas farmers produce high-yielding, valuable soybeans in 2016.

There were 52 entries in the yield contest. The 30 winners in 11 categories had verified yields averaging 81.01 bushels per acre, compared with the reported state average of 48 bushels per acre in 2016. The contest winners' average increased by 6.6 bushels per acre, while the state average increased 10 bushels per acre from 2015.

Ernest Schlatter, of Lebanon, topped the dryland division with a no-till entry that made 95.95 bushels per acre. Calvin Yoder, of Hutchinson, led the irrigated division with a conventional-tillage entry of 93.79 bushels per acre. Henry Farms, of Robinson, won the value contest with 80.3 cents per bushel of increased value (8.3 percent over the cash price).

Area winners were:

- From north-central Kansas, **Ryan Stewart**, of Washington, won the district no-till, dryland competition with 71.11 bushels per acre; **Gregg Sexton**, of Abilene, took second place with 70.27 bushels per acre; **Came Farms, of Salina, placed third with 68.31 bushels per acre**; **Bob Wietharn**, of Clay Center, took second place in the statewide no-till, irrigated competition with 84.90 bushels per acre; and **Mark Pettijohn**, of Solomon, placed third in the Kansas Soybean Value Contest with 75.2 cents per bushel (7.8 percent) of increased value.
- From northwest Kansas, Schlatter, of Lebanon, placed first in the no-till, dryland competition with 95.95 bushels per acre; **Mike McClellan** and **Cade Beesley**, of McClellan Farms, Palco, placed second with 91.49 bushels per acre; and **Carla Naasz Schlatter**, of Lebanon, placed third with 78.34 bushels per acre. **Roger Johnson**, of Hoxie, placed third in the statewide conventional-tillage, irrigated competition with 83.83 bushels per acre; and Harold Koster, of Hoxie, placed third in the statewide no-till, irrigated competition with 81.18 bushels per acre.

Complete results and award photos are available at <http://KansasSoybeans.org/contests>.

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