



The Bean Brief AUGUST 2020

RUSTY SMITH IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

A special note to say thanks.



ASPB has new board officers to announce, but first, we want to thank Immediate Past Chairman [Rusty Smith](#).

Because of his obvious love for the Arkansas soybean industry, **Smith led the board with dedication and passion**. Hopeful for the next generation of farmers, Smith is dedicated to educating high school and college students on the kind of career opportunities the **agriculture industry** has to offer.

Read more about Rusty here.

ASPB ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OFFICERS

The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board is proud to announce the newest board officers: **Donald Morton**, Chairman; **John Freeman**, Vice Chairman and **Douglas Hartz**, Secretary.



Meet ASPB Chairman [Donald Morton](#).

As a third-generation farmer, there was never a doubt in his mind that he



would make a **future out of farming**. The **Morton family farm** has grown from **800 acres** to **3,000 acres** in just 25 years.

Donald says he hopes to see farming continue through his family and future generations.

[Read more about Donald here.](#)



John Freeman of Desha County is our new ASPB Vice Chairman. Freeman studied ag business at the University of Arkansas, and he has been running his farm since 1989.

“Farming gets in your blood,” Freeman said. “It’s one thing to sit in a class. It’s another to apply textbook and practical knowledge.”

During his time on the board, he hopes to **raise awareness about nematodes in Arkansas crops**.

[Read more about John here.](#)



ASPB Secretary **Douglas Hartz** is the grandson of Jacob Hartz, Sr., the farmer who planted the **first soybean crop in Arkansas** 94 years ago.

“It’s pretty awesome to know your grandfather introduced soybeans to Arkansas in **1926**,” Hartz said.

He now owns **Hartz Farm Management**, a farm management and real estate business. On the board, Hartz will focus on checkoff allocation.

[Read more about Douglas here.](#)

THE MISSISSIPPI DREDGE PROJECT

The **United States Army Corps of Engineers** has partnered with the **Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development** to deepen a 256-mile stretch of the **Mississippi River** running between Baton Rouge and the Gulf of Mexico.



Despite the chaos brought on by COVID-19, **the work continues.**

The **Mississippi River Dredging Project** will make the transport of U.S. soybeans more efficient. The new infrastructure improvements will save 13 cents per bushel in freight and allow ocean vessels to add **500,000 bushels** to their loads.

Overall, these savings will add an additional **\$461 million in revenue for U.S. soybean producers.**

Learn more about the Mississippi Dredge Project [here](#).

Celebrating 100 years of the **AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION**



Last month marked **100 years of the American Soybean Association!**

Thanks to the help of the Indiana Soybean Alliance, ASA celebrated where it all began, on the **Fouts Farm in Indiana.**

Read more about the celebration [here](#).

ARKANSAS SOYBEAN VIRTUAL FIELD DAY



Welcome to the 2020 Arkansas Soybean Field Day Online! Our world-class soybean researchers and specialists are bringing the field day experience directly to you! Join us on September 17, 2020, at 6 p.m. to hear the latest on soybean research in Arkansas and have your questions answered during a live Q&A panel. Scroll down to preview the presenters and topics, and click the button below to register now!



September 17, at 6 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

Our field days have moved **online!**

Join us **September 17 at 6:00 p.m.** to hear from **University of Arkansas Extension** researchers, **University of Arkansas** professors and our very own **Immediate Past Chairman Rusty Smith**.

Find speaker bios and register [here](#).

USB'S MARKET VIEW DATABASE

The United Soybean's new **Market View Database** will help you understand soybean production costs, **providing you critical knowledge in farm management and success.**





There are two dashboards, each with **downloadable data**.
Check them out [here!](#)

YOUNG CATTLEMEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASS REUNION



This month we attended the **Arkansas Cattlemen's Association's Leadership Class Reunion**, where we enjoyed a delicious steak dinner with **edamame**.

Thanks to the **Winthrop Rockefeller Institute near Petit Jean State Park** for hosting us. It was a gorgeous evening.



Attendees enjoy a steak dinner with edamame.



Immediate Past Chairman Rusty Smith addresses the crowd.



Panelists included Dr. John Anderson, University of Arkansas economist, Ashley Kohls, Nebraska Cattlemen's Association director of government affairs and Jim Hollenbeck,

We appreciate all the producers who completed our Feed Soy survey.

Survey participants were entered to win a free pair of boots.

Congratulations to our winner:

Jamie Chambliss

SOY BARBECUE CURLS

Bring something different to your barbecue game with these [Soy BBQ Curls](#).

All you need is some **vegetable broth, BBQ sauce and two cups of soy curls**. Throw them on a toasted bun and enjoy.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups soy curls
- 2 cups boiling low sodium vegetable broth
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium BBQ sauce of your choice

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour boiling low-sodium vegetable broth over Soy Curls in a large bowl.
2. Let sit for 10 minutes or more.
3. Drain and add BBQ sauce.
4. Heat thoroughly and serve.

Find more soy recipes [here](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- CRISPRCon: **September 1–October 29**
- Agri-Pulse Trade and New International Markets: **September 24**

IN-PERSON MEETINGS

- Leman Swine Conference: **September 19–22** in **St. Paul, Minnesota**
- Bio World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology: **September 20–23** in **Raleigh, North Carolina**

- N.Y. Society of Cosmetic Chemist Trade Show: **September 30–October 1** in **New York City, New York**

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