

Gov. Sanders Honors 100 Years of Arkansas' Top Row Crop

Arkansas Soybean Month marks a century of soybean farming and the producers powering the state's leading industry



Pictured: Arkansas soybean farmers celebrate 100 years of soybean production this November as Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders proclaims November Arkansas Soybean Month.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., November 12, 2025 – Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders proclaimed November as [Arkansas Soybean Month](#). This year's celebration marks [100 years of soybean production](#) in the state and the farmers whose dedication continues to drive its leading industry.

Soybeans were first planted in Arkansas in 1925 as an experimental crop and have since become a cornerstone of Arkansas agriculture. Today, soybean production spans nearly three million acres, yielding more than 166 million bushels valued at nearly \$1.7 billion each year. Arkansas ranks 10th in the nation for soybean production, with approximately \$1 billion in annual export value fueling local economies and trade.

"Arkansas' row crop farmers are the lifeblood of the Natural State, and it's no secret they are currently facing one of the worst crises this century," said Governor Sanders. "That's why, this November, we must do more than acknowledge their hard work; we must continue to seek real solutions to the problems they face. Thanks to President Trump's leadership, China just agreed to buy at least 12 million metric tons of U.S. soybeans this year and at least 25 million more over the next three years. Those are the kinds of solutions that help Arkansas' farmers, and I look forward to building on his momentum."

Over the past century, Arkansas soybean farmers have built a legacy of resilience and innovation. From the early farmers who took a chance on the crop to today's producers embracing new technologies, their grit continues to shape the state's landscape and livelihoods. Despite growing challenges and market pressures in 2025, soybean farmers remain resilient and continue the traditions that have sustained the industry for generations.

"We're proud to join Governor Sanders in celebrating Arkansas Soybean Month," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture [Wes Ward](#). "Our soybean farmers' hard work and dedication strengthen



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communities, drive our agriculture industry and carry forward a century-long legacy of innovation and resilience.”

The monthlong celebration is led by the [Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board \(ASPB\)](#), a farmer-led organization established in 1971 through Act 259 of the Arkansas General Assembly. ASPB supports the state’s soybean industry through [research](#), [education](#) and [promotion](#), investing soybean checkoff funds in innovation and outreach efforts that benefit producers statewide.

“Farming isn’t just a job; it’s a way of life. Arkansas soybean farmers keep showing up, no matter how tough the season,” said [Brad Doyle](#), soybean producer from Poinsett County and Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board chairman.

As the industry commemorates 100 years of soybeans, the ASPB invites all Arkansans to join the celebration. Visit TheMiracleBean.com for recipes, tools and stories highlighting the state’s top crop, and follow ASPB on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#) or subscribe to the [Bean Brief newsletter](#) for updates throughout Arkansas Soybean Month.

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Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board

The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board is led by nine volunteer farmer-leaders appointed by the Governor. Soybeans are Arkansas’s top row crop with approximately 3 million acres planted each year, generating an annual economic impact of approximately \$2 billion. Arkansas is consistently ranked among the top ten soybean-producing states nationally, exporting 50% of its crop. ASPB invests more than \$2.2 million in research each year as part of its commitment to the continued sustainability of the Arkansas soybean industry. Learn more by visiting www.themiraclebean.com