

The Michigan Soybean Association STARS (Strip Testing at Regional Sites) program has been working with Michigan growers for several year coordinating on farm strip trials to research questions that are of concern to growers.

Consider participating

Overview: The STARS program (strip testing at regional sites) provides Michigan soybean producers with a statistically sound method for evaluating the yield and income benefits of new products and/or management practices. Producers across Michigan identify new products or practices of interest and conduct field scale research trials using a common protocol. The data is collected, subjected to statistical scrutiny, summarized across locations and years and shared with soybean producers. The STARS program must continue to adhere to the following guidelines to be successful:

- ⇒ Use an independent third party evaluator (MSU Extension)
- ⇒ Be producer focused/driven/friendly
- ⇒ Use similar protocol across the state and all trials
- ⇒ Perform statistical analysis and interpret the data
- ⇒ Share group data while keeping individual data confidential

The STARS Protocols for the 2013 are:

Soybean Potassium Fertilizer Trial

Foliar Plant Growth/Health Promoter Trial

Stratego YLD Fungicide Trial

Inoculation Seed Treatment Trial

Soybean Starter Fertilizer (2 x 2 or in-furrow) Trial

Potassium Fertilizer + Granubor 2 (Boron) Trial

Soybean One-pass Tillage Trial

Soybean Planting System Trial: either (7.5"vs.30") or (15"vs.30") or (7.5" vs. 15")

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