

# Sorghum Yield Contest **2017 Entry Form**

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<u>Please read contest rules carefully before completing this entry form. \*\*There are many new rule changes\*\*</u>
Information given on this entry form <u>must match</u> information given on all contest forms.

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Entry Fees:  If your seed company will be paying your entry fee, check here						
	Otherwise, a nonrefundable	entry fee of \$100 must accompany e	each entry. Entry fee enclosed: S	<b>&gt;</b> .		
Membership dues:  Dues of \$60 for a 1-year membership or \$150 for a 3-year membership must be enclosed if you are not a paid NSP member. Dues enclosed: \$						
If your seed company will be paying the required membership fee to enter, check here						
If you are an E-Member, please give us the name and location of your elevator:						
Contestant: P	Print or type the name <u>exactly</u>	as you wish it to appear on any awa	ards, news releases, etc. (30 chara	acter limit)		
Contact perso	on:	Phone	E-Mail add	lress:		
Address		City	State	Zip		
Entry number	r: If you have more than one	entry, use a separate entry form for e	ach and number them 1, 2, 3 etc			
	o Irrigated No Till	o Irrigated Conventional Till o Irrigated Double Crop	o Dryland No - Till o Dryland Reduced Till	o Dryland Conventional Till o Dryland Double Crop		
Seed Brand: _		Variety:				
Are you enteri	ng this variety as a food gra	de entry? (Y/N)				
If entering Dou	uble Crop ONLY (Irrigated o	r Dryland), was irrigation applied six	months prior to planting of this	sorghum entry? (Y/N)		
Previous crop	harvested:	Date of previous crop harves	ted:Yield of p	previous crop harvested:		
Location of Co	ontest Field: State	County	FSA F	FSA Farm Number		
Total Acres in 0	Contest Field:					
I have atta	ached an <b>aerial map</b> with c	ontest field clearly marked. (requir	red)			
Agribusiness S	ponsor: If you want your ag	ribusiness dealer to receive informati	on on your entry, fill in his/her no	ame and address below.		
Name		Company	Phone			
Address		City	StZip_			
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provided by me pursuant to this grain sorghum yield and management contest shall be the property of the National Sorghum Producers and may be

\_Date Signed\_\_\_

used and distributed at the sole discretion of National Sorghum Producers.

Signature of Contestant\_\_\_

## **2017 Contest Rules**

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#### Contest Deadline

Mailed entries must be postmarked, emailed, or faxed at least 10 days prior to harvest of the contest acreage.

Harvest Rules, a Harvest Report Form and a Management Information Form will be mailed to the contestant as soon as the entry is received. All forms must be completed and in the NSP office no later than Dec. 1, 2017. There will be no extension of deadlines.

### **Contestant Qualifications**

Contestant must be a paid member of NSP at the time of entry and judging. More than one member of a family may enter, but each contestant must have a separate membership.

Contestant must be a certified FSA owner/operator of the entry plot.

Contestants can enter more than once, but each entry must be on a separate entry form. Partnerships can enter under the partnership name if the partnership holds a membership. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age at the time of entry.

NSP directors, employees and spouses are prohibited from entering the contest.

### **Contest Divisions**

Irrigated No Till
Irrigated Reduced Till
Irrigated Conventional Till
Irrigated Double Crop
Dryland No-Till
Dryland Reduced Till
Dryland Conventional Till
Dryland Double Crop

**Conventional:** Any management or cultural practice excluding no-till, reduced till.

**No-Till:** No-till means the soil is left undisturbed from the harvest of the previous crop to the harvest of the next crop with the exception of the injection of nutrients with knives or coulters, not sweeps.

Reduced-Till: No-Till as defined above OR Ridge-Till OR Strip Till, OR Mulch-Till, each as defined here. Ridge-Till: The soil is left undisturbed from harvest to planting except for nutrient injection. Planting is completed in a seedbed prepared on ridges with sweeps, disk openers, coulters, or row cleaners. Residue is left on the surface between ridges. Weed control is accomplished with herbicides and/or cultivation. Ridges are rebuilt during cultivation. Strip Till: The soil is left undisturbed from harvest to planting except for tillage of a strip of soil no more than 10 inches wide (with or without nutrient injection). Planting is completed in the prepared strip. Residue is left on the surface between the strips. Weed control is accomplished with herbicides and/or cultivation. Mulch-till: The soil may be disturbed one time prior to planting and will have a minimum of 30 percent residue remaining. Tillage tools such as chisels, field cultivators, disks, sweeps or blades are used. Weed control is accomplished with herbicides and/or one cultivation.

**Double Crop:** To plant sorghum behind a previously harvested crop in the same crop year.

**Irrigated:** Any field receiving any supplemental water in the past six months or during the current growing season.

**Dryland:** Any field that has not received any supplemental water since the last harvest or during the current growing season.

### **Field Qualifications**

A complete field of **10** or more continuous acres, planted in the sorghum seed variety named on the entry form, will be designated as the contest field. The contest field must be designated on an aerial map. The aerial map must be included with the entry and the harvest report. Each plot's harvest report will be limited to a single harvest per year. High-tannin sorghum varieties will not be accepted.

### **Supervisor Qualifications**

A qualified supervisor must be present during the entire harvest and weighing. The supervisor must complete and sign the Harvest Report Form. The supervisor must specify the tillage method. Supervisors MUST be from the following list:

- \* FFA Advisers
- \* Vocational Agricultural Instructor
- \* County Extension Agent or Assistant
- \* NRCS Employees
- \* FSA CED/Loan Manager/Officer
- \* SWCD Employees
- \* College of Agriculture Instructor
- \* American Society of Farm Managers
   Accredited Farm Manager
- Crop Insurance Agents/Adjustors (not contestant's agent or adjustor)
- \* Farm Credit Services Officers (not contestant's service officer)
- \* Bank Ag Loan Officer (not contestant's loan officer)

# Supervisors from the following list will <u>NOT</u> be accepted and the entry will be disqualified:

- \* Private crop consultants or agronomist
- Anyone who has a financial or direct business tie to a company that sells agribusiness supplies (i.e. seed or chemical representatives, farm equipment sales men, etc.)
- \* Employee/relative of the contestant lending agencies
- \* The contestant himself/herself
- Producers serving on boards of NSP, USCP or state sorghum producers boards affiliated with NSP

### **Harvesting Rules**

The supervisor must be present during the entire harvest of the contest plot and must make all field measurements and computations, oversee the weighing, INCLUD-ING LOADING AND UNLOADING, and moisture testing, verify the date of harvest, and report location of the contest field. Initial Check: The contestant must harvest and report at least 1.5 continuous acres in order to complete the initial check. The unharvested sorghum will be used for the recheck if required. Recheck: A recheck of 1.5 continuous acres from the remaining acres of the contest plot is required if the vield on the initial check is 250.000 or more. When the recheck yield is **equal to or more than** the initial check yield, then the recheck yield will be the yield for the plot. When the recheck yield is less than the first check yield, then an average of the two yields will be used for the contest plot.

When harvesting, if the resulting yield is 250.0000 or more bushels per acre, contact NSP headquarters at 1-800-658-9808 for further instruction.

A load's gross weight must be determined first, followed by empty or tare weight on the same date.

Determination of a load's gross weight must occur before determination of tare weight. If time and date of weighing are not automatically stamped on weight

ticket(s), supervisors must note both time and date of both weighings on weight ticket(s).

Detailed rules for measuring, weighing, moisture testing and calculating the yields will be mailed to contestant on receipt of his/her entry.

### **Reporting Results**

Harvest Reports, aerial map, weight tickets and management information are to be completed and received in the NSP office by December 1, 2017. Harvest information arriving after close of business on December 1 will not be eligible for competition. Reports may be emailed to yield-contest@sorghumgrowers.com,faxed to 806-749-9002, or mailed. NSP is not responsible for contest reports that are lost in the mail. Reports may be mailed by certified mail to ensure delivery.

### **Judging**

### All division placings will be determined by yield only.

In the event of a tie, the contestant harvesting and reporting the largest acreage will be declared the winner. If a second tie-breaker is needed, the contestant with the longest time between the entry date and the harvest date will be named the winner.

Any entry is subject to further review. Any contestant committing fraud will be barred from the contest for three years.

### **Contest Winners**

The contestant with the highest yield in the county will be named the county winner.

First, second and third place state winners in each division will be determined by yield. Entries will not be entered into state and national competition if their yield is below 60 bushels per acre. Only one state award in each division will be given per membership with the entry with the highest yield considered for state awards.

The first, second and third place national winners in each division will be named from the first-place state winners based on yield. Only one national award will be given per membership, with only the entry with the highest yield being considered for national honors.

Two \$250 cash awards will be given for the highest irrigated and highest non-irrigated food-grade, tanglume, tan-plant sorghum scores in the contest.

Hall of Fame: Beginning with the 1997 national winners, contestants who win National 1st Place three times in a division will be inducted into the Hall of Fame and will not be eligible to enter that division.

### **Awards**

County and state winners will receive certificates by mail. National winners will receive trophies. Except where noted, no cash awards will be given by NSP.

**THE NEW BIN BUSTER AWARDS:** A new yield target has been set at 250 bushels per acre or greater, which must be met in order to qualify for the following three prizes.

- \* 1st Place: 3-year pickup lease of a Dodge, Chevrolet, Ford or Toyota (\$25,000 value)
- \* 2nd Place: All Terrain Vehicle (\$10,000 value)
- \* 3rd Place: Riding Mower (\$5,000 value)

**Ten** acreminimum entry with **1.5** harvest plot to be eligible.