



# Sorghum Yield Contest 2020 Entry Form

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

- Entry forms must be filled out completely and **emailed at least 10 days before harvest** of the contest field.
- A complete set of contest rules, a management information form, a harvest report form, and a copy of your entry form will be mailed to you as soon as we receive your entry.

1. **Entry Fees:** If your seed company will be paying your entry fee, check here \_\_\_\_\_.

Otherwise, a nonrefundable entry fee of \$100 must accompany each entry. Entry fee enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Membership dues:**

Dues of \$100 for a 1-year membership or \$280 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Contestant:** Print or type the name exactly as you wish it to appear on any awards, news releases, etc. (30 character limit)

\_\_\_\_\_

4. **Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Entry number:** If you have more than one entry, use a separate entry form for each and number them 1, 2, 3 etc. \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Division** (please check):

Irrigated

Dryland No-Till

Dryland Tillage

Food Grade\*

\*There is no distinction between irrigated and non-irrigated in the food grade division

7. **Region:** Entries are categorized by East or West region, with the dividing line following the eastern state borders of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The field state, not the residence of the contestant will determine the region qualification of the entry.

\_\_\_\_\_ East Region

\_\_\_\_\_ West Region

8. **Seed Brand:** \_\_\_\_\_ Variety: \_\_\_\_\_ Sales Rep ID: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Location of Contest Field:** State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ FSA Farm, Tract, and Field Number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

10. Total Acres in Contest Field: \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached an **aerial map** with contest field **clearly marked**. (required)

12. Agribusiness Sponsor: If you want your agribusiness dealer to receive information on your entry, fill in his/her name and address below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

13. I hereby certify the above information given on this entry form to be accurate to the best of my knowledge and believe and agree that all contest information provided by me pursuant to this grain sorghum yield and management contest shall be the property of the National Sorghum Producers and may be used and distributed at the sole discretion of National Sorghum Producers. I further agree that photographs taken of me pertinent to this contest may be used for promotional materials, news releases and publications.

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

# 2020 SORGHUM YIELD CONTEST RULES

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**Email all entries and harvest reports to [yieldcontest@sorghumgrowers.com](mailto:yieldcontest@sorghumgrowers.com)**

## CONTEST DEADLINES

**Entries must be submitted via email 10 days prior to harvest of the contest acreage.**

Harvest Rules and a Harvest Report Form will be mailed to the contestant as soon as the entry is received. **All forms must be completed and emailed to NSP office no later than Dec. 1, 2020.** 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 (or child of owner/operator) of the entry plot. **FSA Form 578 Producer Print (showing all farms in the operation) required with entry**, showing a minimum of 50 sorghum acres in an operation. Multiple 10 acre entries may be entered on a farm, 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. Only one winner per FSA tract number is eligible to be a state and national winner. NSP directors, employees and spouses are prohibited from entering the contest.

## CONTEST REGIONS-EAST/WEST

The contest is divided into an East Region and West Region, with the dividing line following the eastern state borders of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The field state, not the residence of the contestant will determine the region qualification of the entry. Regions do not apply to the food grade division.

## CONTEST DIVISIONS

Irrigated  
Dryland No-Till  
Dryland Tillage  
Food Grade

**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.

**Tillage** refers to any disturbance of the soil beyond the injection of nutrients at any time during the year.

## 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.

### 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 **NOT** 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 salesmen, etc.)
- Employees/representatives of the contestant lending agencies
- The contestant himself/herself
- Producers serving on boards of NSP, USCP or state sorghum producer NSP affiliated boards

## HARVESTING RULES

Detailed rules for measuring, weighing, moisture testing and calculating the yield results will be mailed to the contestant upon receipt his/her entry.

The supervisor must be present during the entire harvest of the contest plot, must make all field measurements and computations, oversee the weighing, **INCLUDING LOADING AND UNLOADING**, moisture testing, verify the date of harvest, report location of the contest field, and specify the tillage method.

**Initial Check:** The contestants must harvest and report at least 1.5 contiguous acres.

## WEIGHING

After harvesting, 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 weights on the weight ticket(s).

## JUDGING

All division places 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 the yield is below the national average (as published in the November WASDE report). 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 by region will be named from the first, second, and third 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. There will be only one national food grade winner.

**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 again.

## AWARDS

County and state winners will receive certificates by mail. National winners will receive trophies. No cash awards will be given by NSP in any division.

**Bin Buster Award:** Each year the entry with the highest yield will be recognized as the Sorghum Bin Buster winner.