

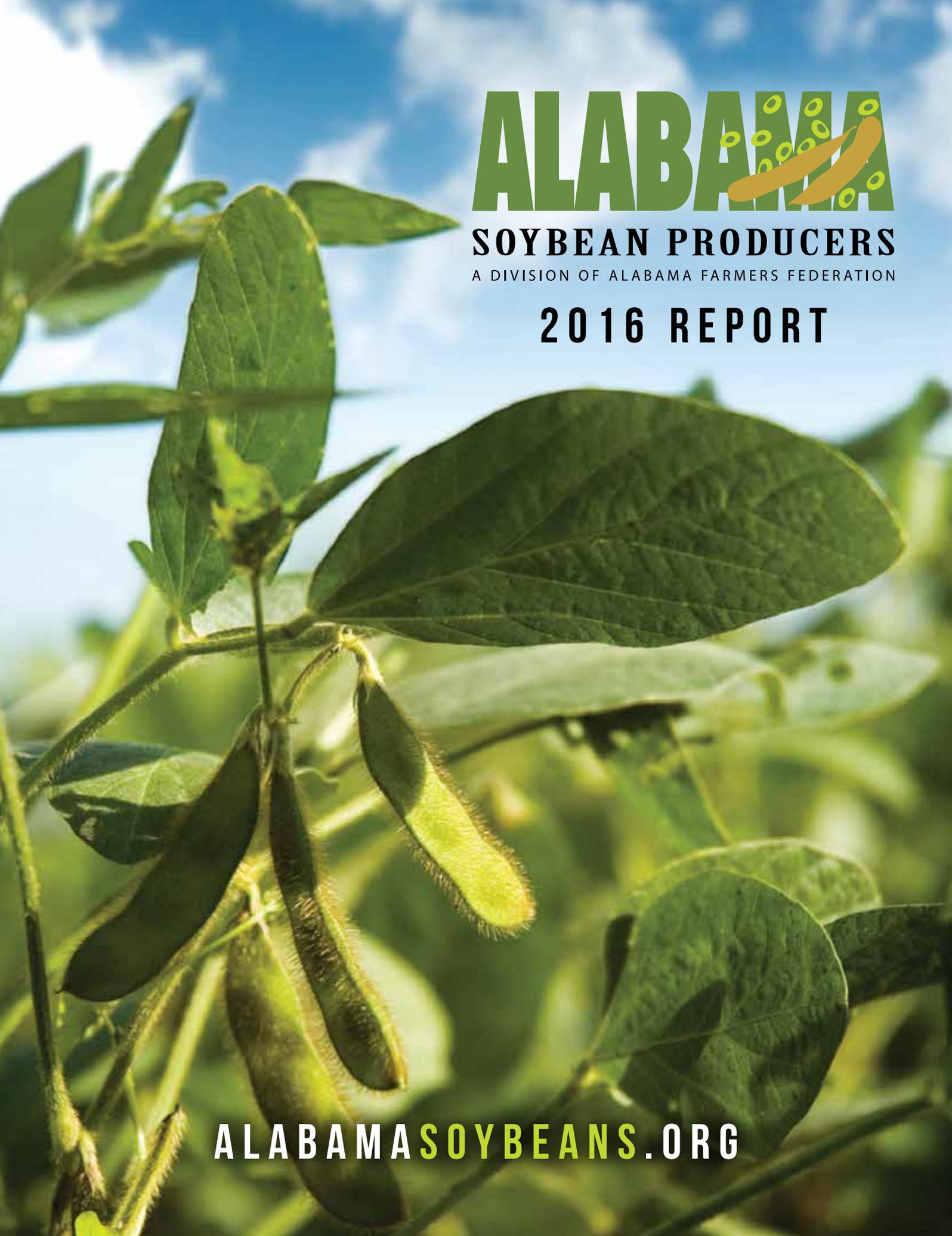


**ALABAMA**

**SOYBEAN PRODUCERS**

A DIVISION OF ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

**2016 REPORT**



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# CHAIRMAN COMMENTS



**Dear Fellow Soybean Producers,**

It's been a good year for most

soybean producers in Alabama. While some areas have experienced periods of dry weather, for the most part, farmers are reporting a good crop.

USDA reports indicate Alabama farmers planted about 450,000 acres of soybeans this year. Although it's still too early to report average yields, the purpose of this report is to demonstrate another kind of harvest.

While we've been busy tending crops, our checkoff dollars have been working hard and yielding promising results.

A portion of the checkoff dollars collected from Alabama farmers goes to the United Soybean Board (USB) where,

combined with checkoff dollars from other farmers across America, we are creating new products and uses for the soybeans we grow. USB also works to improve soybean export markets where we literally help feed the world.

On a national level, we're honored to have one of our own State Soybean Committee members serving on the USB. Pickens County farmer Annie Dee was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and continues to serve on this important board.

Closer to home, your Alabama Soybean Producers State Committee leads efforts to improve soybean research, marketing and education on your behalf.

As the diagram on the next page indicates, a contribution to the soybean checkoff is an investment that pays big dividends. Your soybean checkoff returns \$5.20 for every dollar you contribute.

This newsletter highlights some dividends your investment has paid this year.

Alabama soybean farmers can learn more about research projects we fund by visiting [AlabamaSoybeans.org](http://AlabamaSoybeans.org) or contacting Alabama Farmers Federation Soybean Division Director Carla Hornady at [CHornady@AlfaFarmers.org](mailto:CHornady@AlfaFarmers.org).

State Soybean Committee members take our role as stewards of producer checkoff money seriously. We hope you find this report educational and encouraging.

We welcome your suggestions and participation. The State Soybean Committee will join farmers from across Alabama at the Alabama Farmers Federation Commodity Organizational Meeting in February. The meeting includes educational seminars, and we will discuss goals and issues for 2017.

For information about that meeting, visit [AlfaFarmers.org](http://AlfaFarmers.org) or contact Carla.



Alabama soybean checkoff dollars funded research projects to help increase yields and control farmer input costs, including weed control. From left, Soybean Producers intern Caleb Hicks talks to Auburn University Weed Specialist Dr. Joyce Tredaway Ducar about her pigweed control research funded by the checkoff. Her research focused on residual herbicide effects to determine which resulted in the best weed control. Soybean Division Director Carla Hornady, right, directed Hicks' internship.



Alabama Soybean Producers helped sponsor Ag Discovery Day at the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter. The event offers adults and children entertaining and enlightening hands-on activities and presentations that showcase agricultural technology and illustrate the key role of agriculture. This year's event is Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information call (334) 844-4768.





# YOUR CHECKOFF DOLLARS WORK FOR YOU

IT BEGINS HERE  
FARMER SELLS SOYBEANS



ELEVATORS • PROCESSORS • GRAIN DEALERS



1/2 OF 1% OF THE TOTAL SELLING PRICE  
GOES TO THE STATE SOYBEAN COMMITTEE

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A portion of those funds stays with Alabama State Soybean Committee. Led by 12 farmer-directors, the State Soybean Committee works to **CULTIVATE SOYBEAN PROFITABILITY** for soybean farmers statewide.



And the other portion goes to the **NATIONAL CHECKOFF**. With 70 volunteer soybean farmer-leaders, the United Soybean Board invests and leverages checkoff funds to **MAXIMIZE PROFIT OPPORTUNITIES** for all U.S. soybean farmers.



RESEARCH



MARKETING



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The Alabama Farmers Federation State Soybean Committee donated high oleic potato chips for tours held during the organization's Commodity Producers Conference in July. Soybean checkoff dollars helped fund a recent study by Purdue University that found high oleic oil made from soybeans is more versatile than normal cooking oils. Alabama Soybean Producers will hand out samples of the high oleic chips at Auburn University's Ag Discovery Day Oct. 8 at the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter.

Alabama Soybean Producers donated \$5,000 to the Alabama Food Bank Association that was matched by Invest An Acre for a total donation of \$10,000. The presentation was May 31 at the West Alabama Food Bank in Tuscaloosa. From left are Alabama Farmers Federation Soybean Division Director Carla Hornady; State Soybean Committee members Annie Dee of Pickens County and John E. Walker III of Tuscaloosa County; and West Alabama Food Bank Executive Director Jean Rykaczewski.



Alabama Soybean Producers intern Caleb Hicks, left, distributed farm safety T-shirts at the State FFA Convention June 8 in Montgomery. The shirts also were distributed at farm safety demonstrations around the state. The shirts, which also promoted soybeans, were purchased with Alabama Soybean Producers checkoff money. Other promotions and materials funded by the checkoff this year included soybean-based crayons, magazine ads, Simply Southern TV commercials, judging clinics and 4-H projects.

Alabama Soybean Producers checkoff funds helped support the Alabama Agriculture In The Classroom Summer Institute in June. The program provides teachers with tools and curriculum that are ag based and help teach history, science, math and reading. Soybean checkoff dollars helped buy books and classroom supplies for teachers. Five teachers at the institute were selected to receive soybean science kits, including Emily Capps of Wiregrass Christian Academy, left, and Kylee Adams of Prattville Intermediate School.

