

Sunset Public Hearing Questions for  
Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board  
Created by Section 43-20-102, *Tennessee Code Annotated*  
(Sunset termination June 2015)

1. Provide a brief introduction to the board, including information about its purpose, statutory duties, staff, and administrative attachments.

The purpose of the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board (TSPB) is to promote the growth and development of the soybean industry in Tennessee by research, advertisement, promotions, education, and market development, thereby promoting the general welfare of the people of Tennessee. TSPB is the Qualified State Soybean Board (QSSB) in the national checkoff program.

The General Assembly created the Soybean Promotion Board in 1977 (Chapter 208 of the Public Acts of 1977). Legislation pertaining to the Board is codified in Sections 43-20-102 through 43-20-216 of Tennessee Code Annotated. Section 43-20-102 specifies board membership to be nine members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture to three-year staggered terms. No member of the board shall be eligible to succeed himself on the board for more than one term. All members are to be producers of soybeans in the state of Tennessee

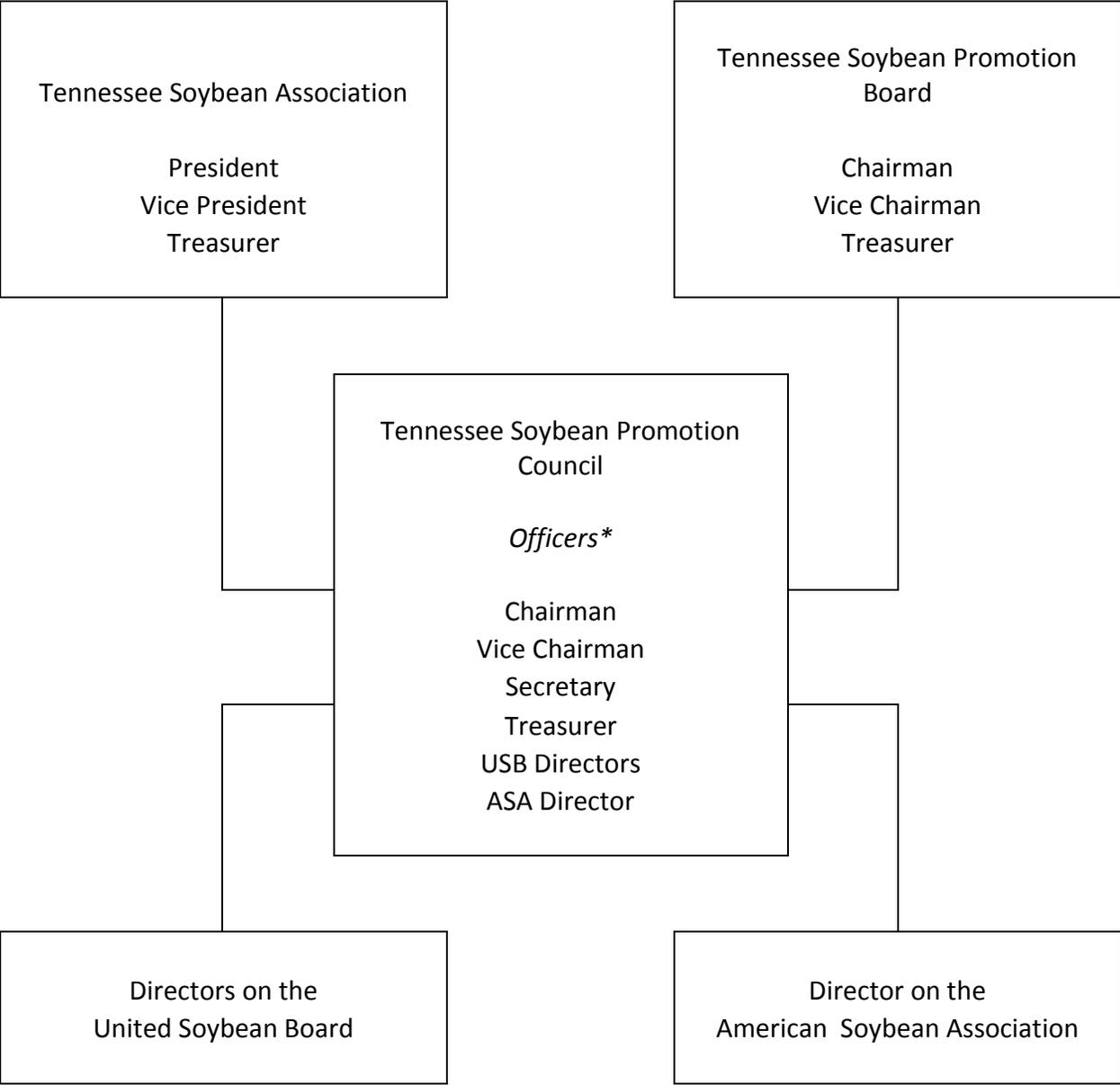
The staff of the Promotion Board is composed of Executive Director Parks Wells, Communications Director Gina Thompson, and Office Manager Marsha Dabney. Parks and Gina are salaried and Marsha works hourly, and all are paid through the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council. The Council is a joint operation of the Tennessee Soybean Association and the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board. (Please see the schematic of the Council on the next page.) Checkoff activities are paid by checkoff funds from the Promotion Board. Lobbying and association membership activities are paid by the Association. Employee work hours are allocated in those activity areas. Parks is also the state checkoff manager for Tennessee in the national checkoff.

On September 1, 1991, the national Soybean Promotion and Research Checkoff began, and the state program became dormant. TSPB became the Qualified State Soybean Board (QSSB) and has operated under the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Checkoff Program. The code sections of the state legislation do not apply to the national checkoff.

The National Program is administered by the United Soybean Board (USB) located in St. Louis, Missouri. This national board operates under the oversight of the Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) of the United States Department of Agriculture. Every five years national producers are polled to see if they want to vote on continuing the program. Only 324 valid votes (0.06 percent) were cast, well below the 57,000 (10 %) needed to prompt a referendum. There is also a required economic evaluation to measure the return of investment on the checkoff every five years. As the QSSB for Tennessee, TSPB is responsible to the United Soybean Board, AMS, and USDA for operation of the checkoff. Accountants from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Quality and Standards, audit the grain elevators for the Promotion Board. All checkoff funds must be invested in accordance with the Act and Order. It is important to understand that we operate under the Federal Act and Order.

The TSPB is managed by the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council as illustrated in the schematic.

### Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council



\* Council Officers: The positions of chairman and secretary of the Council shall rotate each year from the top two positions respectively on the Promotion Board and the Association. The vice chairman and treasurer positions shall be filled in a like manner.

2. Provide a list of current members of the board. For each member, please indicate who appointed the member, how the member's presence on the board complies with Section 43-20-102, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, and the member's county of principal residence. Please indicate if there are any vacancies on the board and explain what is being done to fill those vacancies.

**TENNESSEE SOYBEAN PROMOTION BOARD**  
**100 Executive Drive**  
**Jackson, Tennessee 38305-2319**

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Director	County	Present Term Expires	Maximum Eligibility
<b>TENNESSEE SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION</b>			
David Nichols (Ginger) 8283 Beaver Arm Road Ridgely, TN 38080 (731) 264-5844, Cell (731) 445-4840 <a href="mailto:nicfarms@gmail.com">nicfarms@gmail.com</a>	Obion	2014*	2014
Mike Holman (Penny) 6649 Knox Daniel Road Union City, TN 38261 (731) 885-4580, Cell (731) 796-0311 <a href="mailto:1holmanfarms@gmail.com">1holmanfarms@gmail.com</a>	Obion	2016	2016
Tracy Vannatta (Teri) 2685 Unionville Deason Road Bell Buckle, TN 37020 (931) 437-2278, Cell (931) 224-9500 <a href="mailto:linda.vannatta@charter.net">linda.vannatta@charter.net</a>	Bedford	2015	2018
<b>TENNESSEE FARMERS COOPERATIVE</b>			
Kenneth Moore (Janice) 2887 Paris Highway 54 Dresden, TN 38225 (731) 364-5510, Cell (731) 431-2653 <a href="mailto:moorefarms@frontiernet.net">moorefarms@frontiernet.net</a>	Weakley	2014	2017
Sam Keller (Shanda) 932 Hitch Road Maryville, TN 37804 (865) 983-2174, Cell (865) 254-3376 <a href="mailto:fivekellers@att.net">fivekellers@att.net</a>	Blount	2016	2019

Larry Paul Harris (Judy) 85 Shiloh Road Wildersville, TN 38388 (731) 845-5437, Cell (731) 845-9219 <a href="mailto:lpharris@tds.net">lpharris@tds.net</a>	Henderson	2015	2015
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#### TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU

Alan Meadows (Jami) 2686 Doctor Hall Road Halls, TN 38040 (731) 836-5190, Cell (731) 431-8229 <a href="mailto:alanandjami@bellsouth.net">alanandjami@bellsouth.net</a>	Lauderdale	2014	2017
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Steve May (Vivian) 3372 Hurricane Mills Road Hurricane Mills, TN 37078 (931) 296-9948 (Cell) 931-209-3167 <a href="mailto:stevemay@hughes.net">stevemay@hughes.net</a>	Humphreys	2016	2019
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Dewey Gilliam (Jan) 3193 Sweetens Cove Road South Pittsburg, TN 37380 (423) 837-7625, Cell (423) 240-7611	Marion	2015	2015
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#### 2014-2015 OFFICERS

Chairman: Larry Paul Harris  
Vice Chairman: Kenneth Moore  
Treasurer: Mike Holman  
Secretary: Dewey Gilliam  
Past Chairman: David Nichols

#### EX-OFFICIO

Julius Johnson, Commissioner of Agriculture  
Boyd Barker, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 40627  
Nashville, TN 37204, (615) 837-5100

#### TENNESSEE SOYBEAN OFFICE

Parks Wells, Executive Director  
100 Executive Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305-2319  
(731) 668-2850, (731) 587-3742 Home  
(731) 234-1697 Cell

\* David Nichols is completing his eligibility this fall. TSA has submitted three names to the Commissioner for consideration at Nichols' term expiration.

3. Does the board's membership include public/citizen members? Female members? Members of a racial minority? Members who are 60 years of age or older?

The membership is composed of soybean producers and not people from the public, citizen sector. At present there are no female or racial minority members. We are initiating a diversity program in coordination/cooperation with the USB. We support diversity, but also want to maintain our present nominating system of selecting the best candidate for the position. Three members are past 60 years of age.

4. How many times did the board meet in fiscal years 2013 and 2014? How many board members were present at each meeting?

2012-2013	2013-2014
Pigeon Forge meeting 7	Pigeon Forge meeting 8
Commodity Classic meeting 4	Commodity Classic meeting 5
Jackson meeting 8	Jackson meeting 8
Conference Call 7	

The Commodity Classic meeting is an informal meeting. We did not have any conference calls in the 2013-2014 time periods.

5. What per diem or travel reimbursement do board members receive? How much was paid to board members during fiscal years 2013 and 2014?

Board members do not receive a per diem. Expense reimbursements are based on normal business expenses in the course of doing promotion board duties. Mileage reimbursement rates were changed in 2014 to the state travel rate which was ten cents per mile lower than the IRS rate under which the National Checkoff operates. Board members received \$8,993.49 in FY13 and \$8,140.28 in FY14 for travel reimbursements.

6. What were the board's revenues (by source) and expenditures (by object) for fiscal years 2013 and 2014? Does the board carry a fund balance and, if so, what is the total of that fund balance? If expenditures exceeded revenues, and the board does not carry a fund balance, what was the source of the revenue for the excess expenditures?

Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board  
 Revenues and Expenditures  
 FYE 6/30/13

Revenues

SPARC Assessments	\$ 2,630,536.12
Collections from Other States	\$ 618,877.95
Collections for Other States	\$ 814,016.77
Penalties	\$ 1,383.13
Reimbursement – Other States	\$ (807,942.59)
United Soybean Board - SPARC	\$ (1,622,720.86)
USB Contracts	\$ 7,402.50
Interest Income	\$ 12,764.83
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,317.85</b>

Expenditures

Research/Grants	\$ 730,389.57
TSPC Promo & Research	\$ 321,117.75
Meetings/Travel	\$ 19,192.75
Miscellaneous	\$ 344.02
State Audit Fees of Elevators	\$ 4,290.22
Office Expense	\$ 614.17
Membership Dues	\$ 123,000.00
Accounting & Professional	\$ 5,950.00
Insurance	\$ 475.00
Sponsorships	\$ 13,700.00
Depreciation	\$ 12,260.48
Property Tax	\$ 5,569.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,050.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,237,952.96</b>
<b>Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 416,364.89</b>

Fund Balance at 6/30/13 for the Board was \$2,701,682.57.

Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board  
 Revenues and Expenditures  
 FYE 6/30/14

Revenues

SPARC Assessments	\$ 3,652,479.03
Collections from Other States	\$ 811,835.03
Collections for Other States	\$ 833,059.19
Penalties	\$ 6,125.29
Reimbursement – Other States	\$ (835,941.62)
United Soybean Board - SPARC	\$ (2,235,689.50)
Interest Income	\$ 16,141.98
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,248,009.40</b>

Expenditures

Research/Grants	\$ 905,885.40
TSPC Promo & Research	\$ 425,394.00
Meetings/Travel	\$ 29,781.91
Legal	\$ 320.00
State Audit Fees of Elevators	\$ 5,451.02
Printing/Postage	\$ 292.46
Membership Dues	\$ 72,500.00
Accounting & Professional	\$ 6,312.50
Insurance	\$ 475.00
Sponsorships	\$ 2,500.00
Depreciation	\$ 12,334.20
Property Tax	\$ 5,339.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 918.98
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,467,504.47</b>
<b>Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 780,504.93</b>

Fund Balance at 6/30/14 for the Board was \$3,452,187.50.

7. Is the board subject to Sunshine law requirements (per Section 8-44-1020 et seq., *Tennessee Code Annotated*) for public notice of meetings, prompt and full recording of minutes, and public access to minutes? If so, what procedures does the board have for informing the public of its meetings and making its minutes available to the public?

The Board is subject to the rules and regulations of the federal mandate (SPARC) and follows those guidelines. The Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture office is informed about board meetings and receives minutes and financial statements. Those records are kept by the board secretary and treasurer and maintained by staff at the state office.

8. How does the board ensure that its members are operating in an impartial manner and that there are no conflicts of interest? If the board operates under a formal conflict of interest policy, please attach a copy of that policy.

#### Tennessee Soybean Office Conflict of Interest and Gift Policy 2014

Directors on the Tennessee Soybean Board(s) shall exercise their responsibilities and duties free of any potential conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest.

Board directors will disclose any relationships that might create a conflict of interest and directors will not:

1. Associate with persons as defined herein in a manner that would impair the Board's independence or integrity;
2. Disclose information not authorized for release obtained through their position as directors;  
or
3. Accept gifts or discounts from related organizations.

The officers of the Board will review all affidavits and determine whether a conflict of interest exists.

Directors are strongly encouraged to exercise their best judgment and recuse themselves from participating in or voting on matters where there is the appearance of a conflict of interest

#### Relationships

Conflict of interest exists if a director has a relationship with any person who is transacting or may transact business with the Board(s). A relationship from his or her immediate family gives rise to a potential conflict of interest if that family member:

1. is or has been a director, officer or employee of a organization/person that has done, is doing, or is proposing to do business with the Board; or

2. is or will be an owner, partner, member or shareholder of such organization/person or receives, has received or may receive any financial or other benefit from such organization/person.

Immediate family shall include parents, grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, spouses, in-laws, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and first cousins. The financial interests or business relationships of such persons shall be ascribed to the director(s).

With respect to organizations/persons who may transact business with the Board, a potential conflict exists if:

1. the Board is doing business with such organization/person and a Board director is involved, or responsible for, the oversight of such program, or
2. a proposal is pending from such organization/person before the Board or a committee of the Board and the Board director is in a position to influence approval of such proposal.

#### Gifts

Board directors may accept personal gifts from persons transacting business with the Board subject to the following restrictions:

1. May accept any gift valued at less than \$50 so long as accepting it does not create the appearance of conflict of interest.
2. Accept gifts valued at \$50 but less than \$250 so long as he or she reports such gifts on his or her annual disclosure statement.
3. For gifts valued at \$250 or more, a Board director may not accept such a gift without the prior written permission of the president or its designees.

A gift includes any goods, services, discounts, or any other benefit that a Board director receives in exchange for no consideration or less consideration than the value of the benefit given.

#### Travel and Meals

Board directors may accept meals, lodging, transportation and miscellaneous expenses subject to certain conditions. Meals must be provided in conjunction with working sessions of meetings, conferences or other events directly related to Board business. A Board director may accept payment or reimbursement for lodging, transportation or miscellaneous expenses in connection with a meeting, conference or other event that the Board director attends as a Board representative to promote the Board's agenda.

#### Reporting

Board directors must report all relationships that give rise to a potential conflict or interest, all gifts valued at \$50 or more, and all travel related payments and reimbursements in their annual disclosure statement. Board members must promptly disclose to an officer of the Board any potential conflict

of interest regarding any proposed business transaction. The officers shall keep confidential all reports and information otherwise disclosed to them. In addition board members will be signing the following statement.

Tennessee Soybean Office Conflict of Interest

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a director of the Tennessee Soybean Association, and/or the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council, and/or the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board, have received, read and understand the Conflict of Interest and Gift Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_ To the best of my knowledge I do not have any relationship with any organization/person that is transacting, has transacted or may transact business with the Board.

\_\_\_\_\_ To the best of my knowledge I have a relationship with organizations/persons that may give rise to a conflict of interest. Please identify below the organization/person, the nature of the relationship and the nature of the transaction. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Please list all gifts valued at more than \$50 that you have received in the past year from organizations/persons who have transacted, are transacting, or may transact business with the Board. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Please identify all travel-related benefits that you have received in the past year from organization/persons who have transacted, are transacting, or may transact business with the Board. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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I understand that if a conflict of interest does arise after this disclosure that I will report it to one the Board officers immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Has the Commissioner of Agriculture promulgated rules and regulations as authorized by Section 43-20-215, *Tennessee Code Annotated*? If so, please cite the reference.

The Commissioner has not promulgated rules and regulations.

10. Does the board have a website? Is so, please provide the web address. What kind of public information is provided on the website?

Our website is [www.tnsoybeans.org](http://www.tnsoybeans.org). The website contains information about the Promotion Board's research and promotional activities.

11. Describe the nature and extent of the board's activities and accomplishments during the last two years.

The TSPB has expanded its research and promotional activities due to higher soybean prices and larger yields. We have invested funds in China, our largest market, and expanded into the Philippines with promotion. We have continued with projects in Aquaculture, Transportation, Biodiesel, and state research. Our breeding program, one of the best in the nation, has grown along with our pest management research. We have a unique research project that improves the scent of the soybean flower to increase the plant's attractiveness to pollinators, thereby increasing yield by a possible 10 percent. This TN project has the potential of developing into a nationally funded project.

12. Has the board developed and implemented quantitative performance measures for ensuring it is meeting its goals? (Please answer either yes or no). If the board has developed and implemented quantitative performance measures, answer questions thirteen through twenty. If the committee has not developed quantitative performance measures, proceed directly to question twenty-one.

No, in that TSPB would have too many projects on research and promotion to be cost effective. Yes, in that the National Soybean Program has completed a required (every five years) evaluation with Key Performance Indicators that reported for each \$1 invested we had a return of \$5.20 to the producers.

21. Provide a table listing the disbursements that have been made from the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Fund during fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Include the purposes for which those disbursements were made. What is the balance of the fund as of June 30, 2014?

Date	Check #	Description	Amount	Purpose
07/02/12	5888	TDA	\$483.00	State audit of elevators
07/06/12	5891	FACCT	25000.00	Membership dues
07/13/12	5893	Jackson Engraving	35.43	Office expense
07/13/12	5894	Mississippi Soy	351.57	Reimburse – other states
07/13/12	5895	Arkansas Soy	180.74	Reimburse – other states
07/13/12	5896	Alabama Soy	439.07	Reimburse – other states
07/13/12	5897	Kentucky Soy	585.74	Reimburse – other states
07/13/12	5898	USB	22766.10	United Soybean Board - SPARC
07/13/12	5899	UT Knoxville 10-02-R	1950.69	Research/grants/awards
07/13/12	5900	TDA	500.00	State audit of elevators
07/13/12	5901	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
07/27/12	5902	David Nichols	393.86	Meetings/travel
07/31/12	5903	ASA	14848.00	Pension funding for TSPC
08/02/12	5904	David Womack	1128.86	Meetings/travel
08/03/12	5905	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	325.00	Accounting & professional
08/06/12	5906	Allegra	185.86	Office expense for TSPC
08/06/12	5906	Allegra	116.37	Office expense for TSA
08/10/12	5907	Mississippi Soy	313.42	Reimburse – other states
08/10/12	5908	Arkansas Soy	2096.76	Reimburse – other states
08/10/12	5909	Alabama Soy	729.88	Reimburse – other states
08/10/12	5910	Missouri Soy	816.74	Reimburse – other states
08/10/12	5911	Kentucky Soy	308.30	Reimburse – other states
08/10/12	5912	USB	5897.12	United Soybean Board - SPARC
08/20/12	5913	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
08/20/12	5913	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	61.37	Office expense
08/20/12	5914	Dewey Gilliam	270.46	Meetings/travel
08/21/12	5915	Allegra	265.18	Promotion expense for TSPC
08/24/12	5916	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	1437.00	Equipment for TSPC
08/27/12	5917	Franmar	5855.84	Promotion expense for TSPC
08/30/12	5918	Harvest Lights	709.78	Promotion expense for TSPC
09/13/12	5919	LCI, LLC	652.20	Promotion expense for TSPC
09/13/12	5920	NBB	10000.00	Membership dues
09/13/12	5921	Cowart Reese & Sargent, CPAs	3500.00	Accounting & professional
09/21/12	5922	SSRP	5000.00	Membership dues
09/26/12	5923	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
09/26/12	5924	Mississippi Soy	1291.39	Reimburse – other states
09/26/12	5925	Arkansas Soy	3005.46	Reimburse – other states
09/26/12	5926	Kentucky Soy	387.65	Reimburse – other states
09/26/12	5927	USB	28452.28	United Soybean Board - SPARC
10/02/12	5928	UTK – 12-22/23	17458.00	Research/grants/awards
10/15/12	5929	Mississippi Soy	8430.09	Reimburse – other states
10/15/12	5930	Arkansas Soy	21435.82	Reimburse – other states
10/15/12	5931	Alabama Soy	7622.52	Reimburse – other states

10/15/12	5932	Kentucky Soy	1318.72	Reimburse – other states
10/15/12	5933	USB	14065.31	United Soybean Board - SPARC
10/22/12	5934	TSPC	57039.25	TSPC promo & research
10/22/12	5935	Community Bank	50000.00	Purchase cd
10/25/12	5936	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
10/29/12	5937	Paper Chef, Inc.	3300.00	Promotion expense for TSPC
11/15/12	5938	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
11/15/12	5939	Mississippi Soy	59994.48	Reimburse – other states
11/15/12	5940	Arkansas Soy	92529.06	Reimburse – other states
11/15/12	5941	Alabama Soy	161.91	Reimburse – other states
11/15/12	5942	Kentucky Soy	1783.49	Reimburse – other states
11/15/12	5943	USB	64512.59	United Soybean Board - SPARC
11/15/12	5944	Foundation Bank	150000.00	Purchase cd
11/15/12	5945	Community Bank	100000.00	Purchase cd
11/15/12	5946	Bank of Crockett	250000.00	Purchase cd
11/27/12	5947	TSPC	350.98	Office expense
11/29/12	5948	First Tennessee Bank	100000.00	Purchase cd
11/29/12	5949	Void	0	Void
11/29/12	5950	TSPC	107039.25	TSPC promo & research
11/30/12	5951	The Bank of Jackson – Gates	250000.00	Purchase cd
12/13/12	5952	Harvest Lights	691.96	Promotion expense for TSPC
12/13/12	5953	Allegra	198.95	Promotion expense for TSPC
12/17/12	5954	Mississippi Soy	92993.91	Reimburse – other states
12/17/12	5955	Arkansas Soy	127069.77	Reimburse – other states
12/17/12	5956	Alabama Soy	4059.21	Reimburse – other states
12/17/12	5957	Missouri Soy	1505.56	Reimburse – other states
12/17/12	5958	Kentucky Soy	7261.25	Reimburse – other states
12/17/12	5959	Georgia Soy	23.00	Reimburse – other states
12/17/12	5960	Void	0	Void
12/17/12	5961	USB	393864.97	United Soybean Board - SPARC
12/18/12	5962	Foundation Bank	135000.00	Purchase cd
12/18/12	5963	Community Bank	135000.00	Purchase cd
12/18/12	5964	First Tennessee Bank	135000.00	Purchase cd
12/20/12	5965	David Womack	973.04	Meetings/travel
12/20/12	5966	David Nichols	671.03	Meetings/travel
12/21/12	5967	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
12/28/12	5968	TSPC	788.51	Meetings/travel
12/28/12	5969	USB	200000.00	United Soybean Board - SPARC
01/11/13	5970	TSPC	107039.25	TSPC promo & research
01/14/13	5971	Void	0	Void
01/14/13	5972	Mississippi Soy	46327.31	Reimburse – other states
01/14/13	5973	Arkansas Soy	63446.51	Reimburse – other states
01/14/13	5974	Alabama Soy	1786.37	Reimburse – other states
01/14/13	5975	Georgia Soy	375.61	Reimburse – other states
01/14/13	5976	Kentucky Soy	5509.41	Reimburse – other states

01/14/13	5977	USB	144517.95	United Soybean Board - SPARC
01/15/13	5978	U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance 12-64-R	5000.00	Membership dues
01/15/13	5979	ASA	3100.00	Sponsorship
01/15/13	5980	TSPC	5000.00	Sponsorship – Soybean Leadership College
01/18/13	5981	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
01/24/13	5982	UTK	44849.00	Research/grants/awards
01/28/13	5983	UTK	7174.30	Research/grants/awards
01/29/13	5984	Mike Holman	521.42	Meetings/travel
01/31/13	5985	David Nichols	481.20	Meetings/travel
01/31/13	5986	UTM	550.00	Research/grants/awards
01/31/13	5987	Southern Dutchman Corp	475.00	Insurance
02/08/13	5988	Mississippi Soy	6715.17	Reimburse – other states
02/08/13	5989	Arkansas Soy	21940.94	Reimburse – other states
02/08/13	5990	Alabama Soy	19485.17	Reimburse – other states
02/08/13	5991	Missouri Soy	400.01	Reimburse – other states
02/08/13	5992	Kentucky Soy	1691.57	Reimburse – other states
02/08/13	5993	Georgia Soy	385.84	Reimburse – other states
02/08/13	5994	USB	231838.53	United Soybean Board - SPARC
02/08/13	5995	City of Jackson	2783.00	Property tax
02/08/13	5996	Madison County Trustee	2786.00	Property tax
02/15/13	5997	Dewey Gilliam	192.10	Meetings/travel
02/15/13	5998	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
02/15/13	5999	Harold's Roofing	475.00	Building maintenance
02/22/13	6000	DSR, LLC	2500.00	Sponsorship
02/22/13	6001	Patriot Bank	250000.00	Purchase cd
03/05/13	6002	UTK	411824.50	Research/grants/awards
03/07/13	6003	Susan Keller	2074.33	Meetings/travel
03/15/13	6004	Mississippi Soy	76969.91	Reimburse – other states
03/15/13	6005	Arkansas Soy	39071.66	Reimburse – other states
03/15/13	6006	Alabama Soy	7210.16	Reimburse – other states
03/15/13	6007	Missouri Soy	5449.96	Reimburse – other states
03/15/13	6008	Kentucky Soy	7438.62	Reimburse – other states
03/15/13	6009	USB	268190.47	United Soybean Board - SPARC
03/18/13	6010	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
03/18/13	6011	ASA	2500.00	Research/grants/awards
03/18/13	6011	ASA	600.00	Sponsorship
03/19/13	6012	Alan Meadows	1173.88	Meetings/travel
03/21/13	6013	ADS	688.20	Building improvements
03/25/13	6014	TSPC	534.13	Meetings/travel
03/25/13	6015	UTK	2400.00	Research/grants/awards
03/28/13	6016	Kenneth Moore	2397.52	Meetings/travel
04/01/13	6017	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	267.00	Office expense for TSPC
04/02/13	6018	Void	0	Void

04/04/13	6019	Void	0	Void
04/04/13	6020	Void	0	Void
04/04/13	6021	UTM	8258.50	Research/grants/awards
04/08/13	6022	Alan Meadows	744.11	Meetings/travel
04/08/13	6023	Mike Holman	606.87	Meetings/travel
04/08/13	6024	TDA	361.87	State audit of elevators
04/08/13	6025	TFAITC	20000.00	Research/grants/awards
04/09/13	6026	David Nichols	2460.32	Meetings/travel
04/09/13	6027	Mississippi Soy	21512.98	Reimburse – other states
04/09/13	6028	Arkansas Soy	18079.85	Reimburse – other states
04/09/13	6029	Kentucky Soy	308.90	Reimburse – other states
04/09/13	6030	Georgia Soy	85.77	Reimburse – other states
04/09/13	6031	USB	114911.41	United Soybean Board - SPARC
04/11/13	6032	USSEC	10000.00	Membership dues
04/11/13	6033	TDA	474.00	State audit of elevators
04/15/13	6034	TDA	1176.80	State audit of elevators
04/18/13	6035	TDA	272.80	State audit of elevators
04/25/13	6036	Soy Transportation Coalition	25000.00	Membership dues
04/25/13	6037	TDA	586.75	State audit of elevators
04/26/13	6038	ASA	10000.00	Membership dues
04/26/13	6039	TN FFA Foundation	500.00	Research/grants/awards
04/30/13	6040	TSPC	5688.96	Meetings/travel
05/02/13	6041	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	475.00	Accounting & professional
05/07/13	6042	Mississippi Soy	2760.06	Reimburse – other states
05/07/13	6043	Arkansas Soy	2815.62	Reimburse – other states
05/07/13	6044	Alabama Soy	10398.88	Reimburse – other states
05/07/13	6045	Missouri Soy	1375.46	Reimburse – other states
05/07/13	6046	Kentucky Soy	1311.04	Reimburse – other states
05/07/13	6047	Georgia Soy	423.06	Reimburse – other states
05/07/13	6048	USB	53593.30	United Soybean Board - SPARC
05/14/13	6049	Center for Food Integrity	10000.00	Research/grants/awards
05/16/13	6050	Harold's Roofing	575.00	Building maintenance
05/20/13	6051	FACCT	25500.00	Membership dues
06/03/13	6052	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
06/04/13	6053	TSPC	2296.41	Meetings/travel
06/13/13	6054	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
06/14/13	6055	Mississippi Soy	1881.53	Reimburse – other states
06/14/13	6056	Arkansas Soy	3816.00	Reimburse – other states
06/14/13	6057	Alabama Soy	650.86	Reimburse – other states
06/14/13	6058	Void	0	Void
06/14/13	6059	Void	0	Void
06/14/13	6060	Kentucky Soy	1622.85	Reimburse – other states
06/14/13	6061	USB	80110.83	United Soybean Board - SPARC
06/17/13	6062	Billboard Consultants	15000.00	Promotion expense for TSPC
06/24/13	6063	Void	0	Void

06/24/13	6064	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	267.00	Office expense for TSPC
06/25/13	6065	TDA	435.00	State audit of elevators
06/27/13	6066	Pioneer Hi-Bred	145.47	Refund – SPARC collections
06/28/13	6067	UTK	209459.60	Research/grants/awards
06/28/13	6068	UT Martin	6606.80	Research/grants/awards
07/12/13	6069	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
07/22/13	6070	NBB	25000.00	Research/grants/awards
07/25/13	6072	Mississippi Soy	654.66	Reimburse – other states
07/25/13	6073	Arkansas Soy	691.41	Reimburse – other states
07/25/13	6074	Alabama Soy	2146.38	Reimburse – other states
07/25/13	6075	Missouri Soy	3312.48	Reimburse – other states
07/25/13	6076	Kentucky Soy	826.35	Reimburse – other states
07/25/13	6077	USB	24752.00	United Soybean Board - SPARC
07/25/13	6078	Gourmet Your Way	350.00	Meetings/travel
07/25/13	6079	USB – USSEC	10658.70	Research/grants/awards
08/22/13	6071	Tull Brothers	432.45	Building maintenance
08/21/13	6080	LCI, LLC	1440.00	Promotion expense for TSPC
08/05/13	6081	TDA	363.00	State audit of elevators
08/08/13	6082	TDA	424.50	State audit of elevators
08/08/13	6083	Dewey Gilliam	264.42	Meetings/travel
08/08/13	6084	Mike Holman	297.76	Meetings/travel
08/13/13	6085	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
08/13/13	6086	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	762.50	Accounting & professional
08/13/13	6087	Mississippi Soy	164.18	Reimburse – other states
08/13/13	6088	Arkansas Soy	1285.92	Reimburse – other states
08/13/13	6089	Alabama Soy	888.76	Reimburse – other states
08/13/13	6090	Kentucky Soy	8.94	Reimburse – other states
08/13/13	6091	USB	41115.31	United Soybean Board - SPARC
08/15/13	6092	TSPC	106348.50	TSPC promo & research
08/15/13	6093	Obion County Farm Bureau	500.00	Sponsorship for TSPC
08/15/13	6094	Grundy County Farm Bureau	500.00	Sponsorship for TSPC
08/19/13	6095	Newton Mfg Co	2557.74	Promotion for TSPC
08/22/13	6096	Giles County Farm Bureau	500.00	Sponsorship for TSPC
08/23/13	6097	Franmar	5480.82	Promotion for TSPC
08/29/13	6098	AAA Plumbing	127.53	Building maintenance
08/29/13	6099	TSPC	1291.81	Meetings/travel
09/09/13	6100	Harvest Lights	691.57	Promotion for TSPC
09/10/13	6101	NBB	10000.00	Membership dues
09/13/13	6102	USB	5279.03	Meetings/travel
09/20/13	6103	TDA	563.90	State audit of elevators
09/20/13	6104	Mississippi Soy	516.72	Reimburse – other states
09/20/13	6105	Arkansas Soy	1638.43	Reimburse – other states
09/20/13	6106	Alabama Soy	793.65	Reimburse – other states
09/20/13	6107	Kentucky Soy	652.10	Reimburse – other states
09/20/13	6108	USB	11971.13	United Soybean Board - SPARC

09/20/13	6109	Grose Fire Protection	128.00	Building maintenance
09/20/13	6110	SSPR	5000.00	Membership dues
09/27/13	6111	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
09/30/13	6112	TSPC	3531.94	Meetings/travel
10/07/13	6113	USSEC	1044.43	Meetings/travel
10/10/13	6114	Alan Meadows	960.43	Meetings/travel
10/10/13	6115	Cowart Reese Sargent, CPAs, PC	3500.00	Accounting & professional
10/10/13	6116	USB	85.88	Research/grants/awards
10/10/13	6117	NBB	20.00	Office expense for TSPC
10/10/13	6118	NBB	600.00	Office expense for TSPC
10/14/13	6119	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
10/28/13	6120	Mississippi Soy	37.78	Reimburse – other states
10/28/13	6121	Arkansas Soy	171.27	Reimburse – other states
10/28/13	6122	Alabama Soy	125.52	Reimburse – other states
10/28/13	6123	Kentucky Soy	386.96	Reimburse – other states
10/28/13	6124	USB	12475.91	United Soybean Board - SPARC
10/28/13	6125	TSPC	106348.50	TSPC promo & research
11/12/13	6126	USB	2375.62	Research/grants/awards
11/12/13	6127	Tull Brothers	231.00	Building maintenance
11/12/13	6128	City of Jackson	2553.00	Property tax
11/12/13	6129	Madison County Trustee	2786.00	Property tax
11/14/13	6130	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
11/14/13	6131	Belvidere Grain Co.	378.46	Refund of SPARC overpayment
11/17/13	6132	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	267.00	Office expense for TSPC
11/17/13	6133	Mississippi Soy	8096.88	Reimburse – other states
11/17/13	6134	Arkansas Soy	25975.79	Reimburse – other states
11/17/13	6135	Alabama Soy	3118.98	Reimburse – other states
11/17/13	6136	USB	26664.38	United Soybean Board - SPARC
11/21/13	6137	Community Bank	240000.00	Purchase cd
11/21/13	6138	TDA	430.50	State audit of elevators
11/25/13	6139	U.S. Farmers & Ranchers	5000.00	Research/grants/awards
12/02/13	6140	The Bank of Jackson	250000.00	Purchase cd
12/02/13	6141	Foundation Bank	240000.00	Purchase cd
12/02/13	6142	First Tennessee Bank	250000.00	Purchase cd
12/02/13	6143	National Biodiesel Foundation	300.00	Promotion for TSPC
12/03/13	6144	First South Bank	200000.00	Purchase cd
12/03/13	6145	Reelfoot Bank	215000.00	Purchase cd
12/10/13	6146	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
12/16/13	6147	TDA	313.80	State audit of elevators
12/16/13	6148	Southern Dutchman Corp	475.00	Insurance
12/16/13	6149	USB	375.00	Research/grants/awards
12/16/13	6150	Void	0	Void
12/18/13	6151	Allegra	122.49	Promotion for TSPC
12/18/13	6152	Mississippi Soy	121317.84	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6153	Arkansas Soy	100833.17	Reimburse – other states

12/18/13	6154	Kentucky Soy	4481.19	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6155	Maryland Soy	31.42	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6156	Illinois Soy	657.25	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6157	Kansas Soy	48.24	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6158	Michigan Soy	199.74	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6159	Alabama Soy	4437.06	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6160	Georgia Soy	1081.87	Reimburse – other states
12/18/13	6161	USB	321136.59	United Soybean Board - SPARC
12/18/13	6162	Missouri Soy	6235.17	Reimburse – other states
12/31/13	6163	Carroll Bank	250000.00	Purchase cd
12/31/13	6164	BancorpSouth	250000.00	Purchase cd
01/06/14	6165	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	150.00	Accounting & professional
01/07/14	6166	USB	590473.22	United Soybean Board - SPARC
01/17/14	6167	UT Martin	1651.70	Research/grants/awards
01/17/14	6168	UTK	52364.90	Research/grants/awards
01/27/14	6169	Music Road Hotel	1719.31	Meetings/travel for TSPC
01/27/14	6169	Music Road Hotel	3085.45	Meetings/travel
01/29/14	6170	Void	0	Void
01/29/14	6171	Rogers Farm	1339.64	Refund of SPARC overpayment
01/30/14	6172	Mississippi Soy	54194.51	Reimburse – other states
01/30/14	6173	Arkansas Soy	54175.99	Reimburse – other states
01/30/14	6174	Missouri Soy	4936.59	Reimburse – other states
01/30/14	6175	Kentucky Soy	22574.49	Reimburse – other states
01/30/14	6176	USB	300.00	Research/grants/awards
01/30/14	6177	Soy Transportation Coalition	25000.00	Research/grants/awards
01/30/14	6178	Mike Holman	441.39	Meetings/travel
01/30/14	6179	Foundation Bank	240000.00	Purchase cd
01/30/14	6180	David Womack	2386.95	Meetings/travel
02/03/14	6181	Steve May	350.56	Meetings/travel
02/03/14	6182	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	95.00	Office expense for TSPC
02/03/14	6183	USSEC	10000.00	Research/grants/awards
02/04/14	6184	TSPC	106348.50	TSPC promo & research
02/07/14	6185	UTK	396448.50	Research/grants/awards
02/10/14	6186	NBB	40.00	Office expense for TSPC
02/10/14	6187	Music Road Hotel	300.00	Meetings/travel
02/11/14	6188	ASA	15000.00	Research/grants/awards
02/13/14	6189	USB	1808.81	Meetings/travel
02/17/14	6190	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	297.00	Office expense for TSPC
02/20/14	6191	Mississippi Soy	28321.19	Reimburse – other states
02/20/14	6192	Arkansas Soy	32928.01	Reimburse – other states
02/20/14	6193	Missouri Soy	2195.20	Reimburse – other states
02/20/14	6194	Kentucky Soy	8222.64	Reimburse – other states
02/20/14	6195	Alabama Soy	5498.41	Reimburse – other states
02/20/14	6196	Georgia Soy	810.53	Reimburse – other states
02/20/14	6197	Void	0	Void

02/18/14	6198	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	200.00	Accounting & professional
02/20/14	6199	USB	493803.16	United Soybean Board - SPARC
02/21/14	6200	Dewey Gilliam	227.10	Meetings/travel
02/21/14	6201	Alan Meadows	436.80	Meetings/travel
03/11/14	6202	Foundation Bank	200000.00	Purchase cd
03/20/14	6203	Mississippi Soy	89899.68	Reimburse – other states
03/20/14	6204	Arkansas Soy	36819.68	Reimburse – other states
03/20/14	6205	Missouri Soy	6272.82	Reimburse – other states
03/20/14	6206	Kentucky Soy	18578.14	Reimburse – other states
03/20/14	6207	Alabama Soy	34789.46	Reimburse – other states
03/20/14	6208	Georgia Soy	4026.19	Reimburse – other states
03/14/14	6209	Steve May	814.34	Meetings/travel
03/14/14	6210	TDA	383.60	State audit of elevators
03/14/14	6211	USB	375534.55	United Soybean Board - SPARC
03/17/14	6212	USB	850.00	Research/grants/awards
03/17/14	6213	McLeod, Watkinson & Miller	320.00	Legal fees
03/24/14	6214	UT Martin	11326.50	Research/grants/awards
03/27/14	6215	David Nichols	2050.21	Meetings/travel
03/31/14	6216	Mike Holman	701.33	Meetings/travel
04/01/14	6217	TDA	381.95	State audit of elevators
04/03/14	6218	TDA	278.60	State audit of elevators
04/03/14	6219	USB	15438.74	Research/grants/awards
04/03/14	6220	TDA	207.20	State audit of elevators
04/07/14	6221	TDA	119.00	State audit of elevators
04/07/14	6222	ASA Action Partnership	5000.00	Membership dues
04/08/14	6223	MCC	1600.00	Office equipment for TSPC
04/11/14	6224	Hurt Seed	1219.24	Refund of SPARC overpayment
04/21/14	6225	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	190.00	Office expense for TSPC
04/21/14	6226	TDA	194.60	State audit of elevators
04/22/14	6227	Gigaserve Networks, LLC	297.00	Office expense for TSPC
04/25/14	6228	Minuteman Press	257.69	Printing
04/25/14	6229	Void	0	Void
04/25/14	6230	TN Foundation for Ag in the Classroom	25000.00	Research/grants/awards
04/28/14	6231	Mississippi Soy	42486.94	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6232	Arkansas Soy	26706.63	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6233	Missouri Soy	2771.44	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6234	Kentucky Soy	191.77	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6235	Alabama Soy	33897.81	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6236	Georgia Soy	1270.27	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6237	North Carolina Soy	57.02	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6238	Virginia Soy	168.04	Reimburse – other states
04/28/14	6239	USB	175337.21	United Soybean Board –SPARC
05/01/14	6240	Void	0	Void
05/02/14	6241	Kenneth Moore	1595.94	Meetings/travel

05/02/14	6242	DSR, LLC	2500.00	Sponsorship
05/08/14	6243	TDAAA	623.00	State audit of elevators
05/08/14	6244	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	400.00	Accounting & professional
05/09/14	6245	TSPC	1995.92	Meetings/travel
05/15/14	6246	USSEC	289.92	Meetings/travel
05/19/14	6247	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	200.00	Accounting & professional
05/20/14	6248	Mississippi Soy	7566.19	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6249	Arkansas Soy	9242.00	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6250	Missouri Soy	1074.29	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6251	Kentucky Soy	759.82	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6252	Alabama Soy	5513.52	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6253	Georgia Soy	417.70	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6254	North Carolina Soy	62.09	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6255	Virginia Soy	232.17	Reimburse – other states
05/20/14	6256	USB	41637.67	United Soybean Board - SPARC
06/02/14	6257	TDA	560.00	State audit of elevators
06/06/14	6258	Void	0	Void
06/06/14	6259	TSPC	106348.50	TSPC promo & research
06/12/14	6260	USB	35905.73	Research/grants/awards
06/23/14	6261	TDA	320.60	State audit of elevators
06/23/14	6262	Mississippi Soy	856.16	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6263	Arkansas Soy	501.76	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6264	Missouri Soy	2668.20	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6265	Kentucky Soy	662.65	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6266	Alabama Soy	3740.96	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6267	Georgia Soy	152.31	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6268	Virginia Soy	62.24	Reimburse – other states
06/23/14	6269	USB	120788.37	United Soybean Board - SPARC
06/24/14	6270	Joanna W. Butler, CPA	200.00	Accounting & professional
06/30/14	6271	UTK	317158.80	Research/grants/awards
06/30/14	6272	UT Martin	9061.20	Research/grants/awards
06/30/14	6273	Allegra	122.49	Office expense for TSA
06/30/14	6274	TDA	286.77	State audit of elevators

Fund Balance at 6/30/14 for the Board was \$3,452,187.50.

22. Provide an explanation of how assessments are levied and collected and funds are disbursed from the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Fund under Section 43-20-103, Tennessee Code Annotated? How is authorization of the Commissioners of Agriculture and Finance and Administration documented for disbursements?

The national soybean checkoff program began in September 1991. At that time the state program was abated and the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board as the qualified state soybean board fell under rules and regulations of the national checkoff program. Within those federal guidelines first purchasers in our state deduct assessments (.5 percent of net sales) from producers' settlements. Those assessments are remitted to the Promotion Board account at Regions Bank in Shelbyville. One half of that amount remains in state while the other half is sent to the United Soybean Board. Members of the Promotion Board invest the state funds in research and promotion projects.

Each year TSPB sends our audit performed by an independent certified public accountant to the United Soybean Board along with our Marketing Plan that is scrutinized to see if it follows the guidelines of the Act and Order of SPARC. Our annual audit report is also forwarded to state government offices.

Because we are operating under the federal mandate the Commissioners of Agriculture and Finance and Administration are not involved in the disbursements.

23. During fiscal years 2013 and 2014 how much money has the Department of Agriculture recovered from the board for administrative expenses involved in collecting assessments and disbursing funds for the board? How was the rate or amount reimbursement determined?

The Department of Agriculture has not incurred administrative expenses. However, we utilize the department's auditors for verifying the checkoff collections at the first purchasers while they are doing the state granary license compliance. That amount was \$4,290.22 for 2013 and \$5,451.02 for 2014.

24. Have all purchasers filed reports and paid assessments as required by Section 43-20-103, Tennessee Code Annotated?

All First Purchasers have conformed to the National Soybean Checkoff.

25. Provide an explanation of any items related to the board that may require legislative attention, including your proposed legislative changes.

There are none

26. Should the board be continued? To what extent and in what ways would the absence of the board affect the public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee?

The board should be continued. The quality and quantity of soybeans, soy oil, and soy meal affected by the soybean checkoff greatly influences the quality and quantity of food on the dinner table of Tennesseans. The soybean amino acids are essential for growing strong bodies and minds. Biodiesel from soybean oil is a safety net for fuel security for Tennessee and provides cleaner air to breathe.

Although we are operating under the National Checkoff it is important to us that the state checkoff remains in place. Should the national program be discontinued we would have the state checkoff to insure the continuance of our research and promotion projects. Being a state entity adds assurance to the public that our nominations have been scrutinized and selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture and that the Department has oversight in our operation. The TDA liaison position also guarantees that the Commissioner has the necessary and appropriate information about our research and promotion. We also value the Department's inclusion and cooperation in what we are doing.

34. Please provide a breakdown of current board staff by title, ethnicity, and gender.

The Office Manager is Marsha Dabney (female, Caucasian), the Communication Director is Gina Thompson (female, Caucasian), and the Executive Director is Parks Wells (male, Caucasian).

35. Please list all board contracts, detailing each contractor, the services provided, the amount of the contract, and the ethnicity of the contractor/business owner.

Please see the following spreadsheets.

### Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board 2013 Funding Decisions

2013 Project Number	Title	Principle Investigators	Working Group	2012 Funds Granted	2013 Funds Requested	2013 Funds Granted
13-02-R	Screening of soybean varieties, breeding lines for charcoal rot, frogeye leafspot and phomopsis seed decay resistance	Alemu Mengistu	USDA	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
13-06-R	Molecular approaches to develop effective management tools against soybean cyst nematode (SCN)	Neal Stewart Mitra Mazarei Prakash Arelli Vince Pantelone Feng Chen	UTIA	\$29,178	\$41,634	\$41,634
13-12-R	Soybean breeding and genetics	Vince Pantalone Jeneen Abrams Chris Smallwood	UTIA	\$62,440	\$70,261	\$70,261
13-17-R	Technical support of soybean specialist	Angela McClure	UTIA	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
13-20-R	Research and extension support for management of glyphosphate-resistant weeds	Larry Steckel Angela McClure Thomas Mueller	UTIA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
13-22-R 13-23-R	Evaluation of soybean cultivars and foliar fungicides for control of soybean diseases	Heather Young-Kelly Bob Williams Timothy Campbell	UTIA	\$25,510	\$59,006	\$50,006
13-25-R	Support of multi-county on-farm demonstration of county standardized testing	Bob Williams	UTIA	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
13-26-R	Support of Soybean IPM in Tennessee	Scott Stewart Larry Steckel Angela McClure Heather Young-Kelly	UTIA	\$28,500	\$27,400	\$27,400
13-28-R	2014 breeding soybeans for durable resistance to emerging nematode populations combined with fungal diseases in TN	Prakash Arelli Vince Panatalone	USDA	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
13-33-R	GoBeans—A soybean verification program for Tennessee producers	Angela McClure Scott Stewart Bob Williams Larry Steckel	UTIA	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

2013 Project Number	Title	Principle Investigators	Working Group	2012 Funds Granted	2013 Funds Requested	2013 Funds Granted
13-38-R	Technical Support for UT Variety Testing Program	Fred Allen	UTIA	\$24,898	\$26,100	\$26,100
13-55-R	Asian Soybean Rust Statewide Sentinel Plot	Heather Young-Kelly Angela McClure Scott Stewart	UTIA	\$11,000	\$20,830	\$20,830
13-69-R	Improved plant response to potash fertilization through control of root-pruning seeding diseases	Craig Canaday Angela McClure Scott Stewart	UTIA	\$30,724	\$29,924	\$0
13-70-R	Increasing soybean production profitability using precision agriculture	M Buschermohle R Freeland Angela McClure Lori Gibson	UTIA	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500
13-72-P	Improving soybean irrigation scheduling for optimal yield	David Verbree Angela McClure Heather Young-Kelly	UTIA	New	\$24,713	\$24,713
13-73-P	The bee project: evaluating insecticide risks to pollinators resulting from the use of neonicotinoid seed treatments	Scott Stewart	UTIA	New	\$25,000	\$25,000
13-74-P	Developing a working greenhouse method for screening soybean germplasm, cultivars and breeding lines for charcoal rot resistance	Alemu Mengistu Prakash Arelli Craig Canaday	USDA	New	\$20,000	\$20,000
13-75-P	Potential of root-knot nematode damage to soybean production in TN	Patricia Donald Craig Canaday	USDA	New	\$10,273	\$10,273
13-76-P	Developing a new genetic system to discover major soybean resistance genes against soybean cyst nematode	Tarek Hwezi Neal Stewart Mitra Mazarei Vince Pantalone	UTIA	New	\$31,932	\$31,932
13-77-P	ALMACO research plot combine	Bobby Simpson	UTIA	New	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Total UT &amp; USDA/ARS</b>				<b>\$382,750</b>	<b>\$707,573</b>	<b>\$673,649</b>

Project Number	Title	Investigators	Affiliation	2012 Funds Granted	2013 Funds Requested	2013 Funds Granted
13-45-R	Ag in the Classroom	Charles Curtis	TFBF	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
13-46-R	WISHH	Jim Hershey	WISHH	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
13-47-R	ASA/Communications/Soy Stats	Bob Callahan	ASA	\$500	\$600	\$600
13-48-P	UT Martin Research (Project Extension)	Eric Walker	UTM	\$5,500	\$16,517	\$16,517
13-49-R	SSPR Membership	Parks Wells	SSRP	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
13-50-R	NBB Membership	David Womack	NBB	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
13-51-R	ASA Action Partnership	Bill Schuermann	ASA	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
13-62-R	Advanced Biofuel Initiative	Tom Verry	NBB	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
13-63-R	Soy Transportation Coalition (STC)	Eddie Sanders	STC	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
13-64-R	U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance	Parks Wells	USFRA	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
13-65-R	Farm Animal Care Coalition of TN	Julie McKelvey	FACCT	\$25,000	\$25,500	\$25,500
13-66-R	Center for Food Integrity	Julie McKelvey	CFI	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
13-67-R	U.S. Soybean Export Council	Johnny Dodson	USSEC	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
13-78-P	Mid-South Soybean Board	Larry Ashlock	MSSB	New	\$20,800	\$0
13-79-P	USSEC Aquaculture Feeding Trials	Greg Olwig	USSEC	New	\$47,000	\$47,000
13-80-P	TN FFA Partnership	Jimmie Loftis	TN FFA	New	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>				<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$240,917</b>	<b>\$220,117</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS REQUESTED</b>					<b>\$948,490</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDED PROJECTS</b>						<b>\$893,766</b>

### Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board 2014 Funding Decisions

2014 Project Number	Title	Principle Investigators	Working Group	2013 Funds Granted	2014 Funds Requested	2014 Funds Granted
14-02-R	Screening of soybean varieties, breeding lines for charcoal rot, frogeye leafspot and phomopsis seed decay resistance	Alemu Mengistu	USDA	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
14-06-R	Molecular approaches to develop effective management tools against soybean cyst nematode (SCN)	Neal Stewart	UTIA	\$41,634	\$47,661	\$47,661
14-12-R	Soybean breeding and genetics	Vince Pantalone	UTIA	\$70,261	\$79,164	\$79,164
14-17-R	Technical Support of Soybean Specialist	Angela McClure	UTIA	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
14-20-R	Research and extension support for management of glyphosphate-resistant weeds	Larry Steckel	UTIA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
14-22/ 23-R	Evaluation of Soybean Cultivars and Foliar Fungicides for Control of Soybean Diseases	Heather Kelly	UTIA	\$50,006	\$59,250	\$59,250
14-25-R	Support of multi-county on-farm demonstration of county standardized testing	Bob Williams	UTIA	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
14-26-R	Support of Soybean IPM in Tennessee	Scott Stewart	UTIA	\$27,400	\$26,771	\$26,771
14-28-R	2014 Breeding Soybeans for durable resistance to emerging nematode populations combined with fungal diseases in TN	Prakash Arelli Vince Panatalone	USDA	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
14-33-R	GoBeans—A soybean verification program for Tennessee Producers	Angela McClure	UTIA	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
14-38-R	Technical Support for UT variety testing program	Fred Allen	UTIA	\$26,100	\$26,100	\$26,100

2014 Project Number	Title	Principle Investigators	Working Group	2013 Funds Granted	2014 Funds Requested	2014 Funds Granted
14-55-R	Statewide Soybean Disease Monitoring Sentinel Support	Heather Kelly	UTIA	\$20,830	\$21,008	\$21,008
14-70-R	Increasing soybean production profitability using precision agriculture	M. Buschermohle	UTIA	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500
14-72-R	Improving soybean irrigation scheduling for optimal yield	David Verbree	UTIA	\$24,713	\$24,722	\$24,722
	The bee project: evaluating insecticide risks to pollinators resulting from the use of neonicotinoid seed treatments	Scott Stewart	UTIA	\$25,000		\$0
14-74-R	Developing a working greenhouse method for screening soybean germplasm, cultivars and breeding lines for charcoal rot resistance	Alemu Mengistu	USDA	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Potential of root-knot nematode damage to soybean production in TN	Patricia Donald	USDA	\$10,273		\$0
14-76-R	Developing a new genetic system to discover major soybean resistance genes against soybean cyst nematode	Tarek Hewezi	UTIA	\$31,932	\$42,200	\$42,200
	ALMACO Research Plot Combine	Bobby Simpson	UTIA	\$150,000		\$0
14-78-P	Soybean Scout Schools	Scott Stewart	UTIA		\$6,681	\$6,681
14-79-P	Sustainability of Tennessee Soybean Production	Lori Duncan	UTIA		\$17,500	\$17,500
14-80-P	Establishing Cover Crops for Sustainable Soybean Production	M. Buschermohle	UTIA		\$19,500	\$19,500

2014 Project Number	Title	Principle Investigators	Working Group	2013 Funds Granted	2014 Funds Requested	2014 Funds Granted
14-81-P	Increase soybean yield by overexpressing a "large seed" gene	Neal Stewart	UTIA		\$10,000	\$10,000
14-82-P	Characterization of soybean protein kinases for drought resistance	Max Cheng	UTIA		\$30,000	\$30,000
14-83-P	Increasing Soybean Yield by Enhancing Flower Visitation of Insect Pollinators Using an Molecular Genetic Approach	Feng Chen	UTIA		\$32,380	\$32,380
14-84-P	Improving soybean yield response to potash fertilization with a new seed treatment	Craig Canaday	UTIA		\$28,755	\$28,755
14-85-P	Development of gene silencing to control kudzu bug in soybean	Juan Jurat-Fuente	UTIA		\$30,604	\$30,604
14-86-P	Molecular Breeding of High Oleic Soybean Adapted to Tennessee	Vince Pantalone	UTIA		\$35,118	\$35,118
14-87-P	Development of a Soybean Marketing Guide for Tennessee Producers	S. Aaron Smith	UTIA		\$9,983	\$9,983
14-88-P	Improving Management Practices for Fungicide Resistant Cercospora sojina, the causal agent of Frogeye Leaf Spot Disease	Heather Kelly	UTIA		\$55,000	\$55,000
<b>Total UTK</b>					<b>\$673,649</b>	<b>\$792,897</b>

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14-45-R	Ag in the Classroom	Chris Fleming	TFBF	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
14-46-R	WISHH	Jim Hershey	WISHH	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
14-51-R	ASA Action Partnership	Bill Schuermann	ASA	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
14-89-P	Influence of Cover Crop Management on Water Use Efficiency in Soybeans	Paula Gayle	UTM	\$0	\$8,519	\$8,519
14-90-P	Educating Drivers about Sharing the Road with Farm Equipment	Sandy Mehlhorn	UTM	\$0	\$4,270	\$4,270
14-48-R	Technological, Agronomic, and Foliar Nutrient Effects on MG IV and V Soybean	Eric Walker	UTM	\$16,517	\$9,864	\$9,864
14-63-R	Soy Transportation Coalition	Eddie Sanders	STC	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
14-49-R	SSRP Membership	David Womack	SSRP	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
14-64-R	U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance	Gina Thompson	USFRA	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
14-65-R	Farm Animal Care Coalition of Tennessee	Lou Neve	FACCT	\$25,500	\$25,000	\$25,000
14-66-R	Center for Food Integrity	Gina Thompson	CFI	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
14-50-R	NBB Membership	David Womack	NBB	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
14-62-P	Advanced Biofuel Initiative	Tom Verry	NBB	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
14-67-R	U.S. Soybean Export Council	Johnny Dodson	USSEC	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
14-92-R	Philippine Consultant	Will McNair	USSEC	\$47,000	\$45,039	\$45,039
14-91-P	Small Plot Research Combine	Bruce Kirksey	Agricenter International	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>					<b>\$307,692</b>	<b>\$257,692</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS REQUESTED</b>					<b>\$1,100,589</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDED PROJECTS</b>						<b>\$1,050,589</b>

All contracts are institutional.

AITC – Agriculture in the Classroom (TN Farm Bureau Federation)

ASA – American Soybean Association

CFI – Center for Food Integrity

FACCT – Farm Animal Care Coalition of Tennessee

NBB – National Biodiesel Board

SSRP – Southern Soybean Research Program

STC – Soybean Transportation Coalition

USB – United Soybean Board

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

USFRA – United States Farmers and Ranchers Alliance

USSEC – United States Soybean Export Council

UTIA – University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

UTM – University of Tennessee at Martin

WISHH – World Initiative of Soy in Human Health