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**NORTH CAROLINA SOYBEAN PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RALEIGH, N.C. – The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association elected seven new members to serve a three-year term on its board of directors at its 48th annual meeting in Durham, N.C. on Jan. 16, 2015. Four members currently serving on the board of directors were elected to serve a second term.

Directors on the state soybean board are responsible for overseeing the soybean checkoff-funded research, marketing and communications work of the association, as well as conducting advocacy work on behalf of the state’s soybean industry.

Newly elected board members are:

Name/Hometown                            Counties Represented

Greg Manning of Nashville, N.C.          Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash

Reggie Strickland of Mt. Olive, N.C. Duplin

Philip Sloop of Mt. Ulla, N.C. Alexander, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Davidson, Iredell, Lincoln, Randolph, Rowan

Logan Watson of Monroe, N.C.      Gaston, Mecklenburg, Union

Jason Starnes of Salisbury, N.C.         Alexander, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Davidson, Iredell, Lincoln, Randolph, Rowan

Ryan Kennedy of Hope Mills, N.C. Cumberland, Harnett

Sydney Edwards Dunn of Edenton, N.C. Johnston

The following directors have been elected to serve a second term:

Director                                  Counties Represented

David Heath of Dover, N.C.             Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico

Michael McPherson of Mebane, N.C.                Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Stokes

Ryan Cahoon of Fairfield, N.C. Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Tyrell, Washington

Wesley Johnson of Dobson, N.C. Surry county and 24 other western counties

North Carolina soybean producers elected the following officers for 2015: president, Jeff Peed of Aurora, N.C.; vice president, John Fleming of Scotland Neck, N.C.; secretary, of , N.C.; and treasurer, Bernard Lennon of Evergreen, N.C.

For more information, call Charles Hall, Chief Executive Officer of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association at (800) 839-5775.

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is a statewide trade association representing all N.C. soybean producers, responsible for research, education and promotion programs to benefit the state’s soybean farmers. The association is the qualified state board responsible for administering national soybean checkoff programs in N.C. The association is the state affiliate of the American Soybean Association (ASA.)

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