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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 51st annual meeting in Durham, N.C. on Jan. 12, 2018. Five members were elected to serve a second term on the board of directors.

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

Reggie Baker, Monroe, N.C. Gaston, Mecklenburg, Union

Angela Bergen, Pantego, N.C. Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Tyrell, Washington

Andy Bland, Dover, N.C. Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender

Ray Bullard, Stedman, N.C. Cumberland, Harnett

Aaron Kirk, Hillsborough, N.C. Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Stokes

Trey Liverman, Columbia, N.C. Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Tyrell, Washington

Kevin Matthews, East Bend, N.C. Alleghany, Ashe, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey

The following directors were elected to serve a second term:

Director                                  Counties Represented

Sydney Edwards Dunn of Edenton, N.C. Johnston

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

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

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

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

North Carolina soybean producers elected the following officers for 2018: President, John Fleming of Scotland Neck, N.C.; Vice President, Jeff Tyson of Nashville, N.C.; Secretary, David Heath of Dover, N.C. and Treasurer, Jeff Peed of Aurora, N.C.

For more information, call Jeff Jennings, chief executive officer of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association at (919) 839-5700.

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is a statewide trade association representing all North Carolina 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 North Carolina. The association is the state affiliate of the American Soybean Association (ASA).

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