 MID SOUTH SOYBEAN BOARD



**ONE PAGE SUMMARY**

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| Project Title | LADDER (Large Agricultural Database that Drives Extension and Research) | | | | | |
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| Research locations  (states involved) | Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri | | | | | |
| **Timeline:**  **Current Year - FY23** | | **Multi-Year Project Information** (if applicable) | | | | |
| Year 1 (Current) | | Year 2 | | Year 3 |
| Start Date |  | April 1, 2024 | | April 1, 2025 | | April 1, 2026 |
| End Date |  | March 31, 2025 | | March 31, 2026 | | March 31, 2027 |
| Funds Requested | $ | $55,626 | | $55,625 | | $55,625 |
| **Program Area:** Irrigation, Fertility, Rotations using soybean, Research Validation, Producer Communications,  Economics | | | | | | |
| Other related  funding: | N/A | | | | | |
| Objectives: | Using a large agricultural geodatabase, determine the effects of environment, i.e., CEC, pH, slope, climatic data, and agronomic practices including irrigation, precision ag technology, nutrient management, planting systems, and tillage systems on soybean productivity and profitability at the farm scale. Also, deliver research-based, Extension programming to soybean producers in the Mid-South to stimulate the adoption and proper implementation of geospatially specific agronomic practices that improve grain yield, net returns, and  sustainability. | | | | | |
| Justification: | Analysis of large-scale, agricultural data can be used to determine the effects of agronomic  practices, management philosophies, and environment on crop productivity and profitability. | | | | | |
| Exp Setup: | We propose to collect, process, and securely store geospatially specific agronomic and  environmental data for the purpose of addressing the MSSB’s primary research and  Extension concerns. Data will be subject to ANOVA, ANCOVA, and regression techniques. | | | | | |
| Summary: | An aggregated geospatial database can help expedite answers to agronomic issues by  collecting and analyzing large quantities of data across a variety of management practices in the Mid-South. | | | | | |
| Benefit to midsouth farmers: | Growers at times can be hesitant to adopt research practices done in small-plot settings. The LADDER program will help alleviate this by validating results at a landscape level. A database such as this also gives universities another tool to provide insight on what agronomic issues have the most economical impact and need to be further investigated for the benefit of  growers. | | | | | |
| Progress Made: | Data collection of 350K+ acres along with processes of how to successfully collect and  analyze data are constantly being automated and improved. Additional funding will allow us to take said data and begin researching best means of analysis. | | | | | |
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