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| Project Title:  | Screening and Selecting Non-Xtend Soybeans for Dicamba Tolerance |
| Organization:  | University of Arkansas |
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| Report Period: | December to March, 2025 |
| Project Status: |
| **Objective 1: Fine-mapping genomic regions associated with off-target dicamba tolerance****Dicamba QTL mapping populations**: Two RIL mapping populations derived from a tolerant PI and a susceptible breeding line were visually phenotyped at the R3-R4 growth stages for dicamba tolerance during the summer of 2024 in Arkansas and Missouri. The genotyping of the populations was conducted in collaboration with a seed company using a proprietary panel of 5,000 SNPs. We have received the genotypic data and are currently working on the QTL mapping study.**Objective 2: Development of breeding populations (Enlist-E3 and conventional) stacking various sources of tolerance****Vieira**: Seven populations derived from an elite Enlist-E3 line, and a dicamba-tolerant source are being advanced in off-season nursery, with return expected by Spring 2026. In addition, three new crosses were made in 2024 for specialty markets (food grade) including a dicamba-tolerant parent. These are also being advanced in off-season nursery and will return in Spring 2026.**Lin:** Sixteen conventional breeding populations to improve off-target damage from dicamba are being advanced from F1-F4 in winter nursery in Costa Rica, which are expected to produce at least 1,600 new breeding lines to be evaluated in progeny rows in 2025. In addition, we made four novel crosses by combining high-yielding lines with natural dicamba-tolerant line and plant introductions (PI) in our breeding program. |