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**ARKANSAS SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2010 YIELD CHALLENGE WINNERS**

Little Rock, Arkansas (March 30, 2011) – The Arkansas Soybean Association recently recognized the winners of the 2010 Arkansas Soybean Association Yield Challenge. The Carnathan Group, Dow Brantley, and Kevin Goble came in first, second, and third respectively in the 2010 contest.

The Carnathan Group is a Phillips County farm, with Gere, Bill, Chris, and Jeff as partners. They grew Asgrow 4907 RR and produced 89.75 bushels/acre on the winning location. The Carnathan's planted on April 1, 2010 in 38" twin rows. They had a seeding rate of 140,000 and applied 90 lb K having prepared the field with a subsoil and bedder, hipper and do-all. The field was row irrigated 5 times during the 2010 growing season. They harvested on August 28, 2010. The field was treated with Roundup and Dicamba for burndown, Prefix pre-emerge and Roundup (twice) post-emerge. The Carnathan's were awarded their \$1000 check at the Arkansas Soybean Association Annual meeting on Jan. 25, 2011. County agent Robert Goodson assisted with the coordination and judging of the field.

Dow Brantley, Brantley Farming Co., of England came in second with 87.68 bushels/acre. Brantley grew Pioneer 94Y70RR planted on April 6 and harvested on September 10. He planted 160,000 seeds per acre in 38" twin rows. The field was prepped using conventional tillage (hip & roll). He applied 250 pounds of 0-18-36 and the field was furrow irrigated 4 times. Brantley also used Roundup and Envive pre-emerge and Sequence post-emerge. The beans were also treated with Quadris twice and Karate2 twice. Brantley won a check for \$750. County agent Jeff Welch assisted with this field.

Kevin Goble, Lex Goble & Sons, from Wilson came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 84.97 bushels/acre. Goble planted on April 20 and harvested September 10. He grew RC4417RR at a rate of 148,000 seeds per acre in 38" rows. The field was ridge tilled and treated with Round Up and Valor pre-emerge and Prefix post-emerge. The soybeans were furrow irrigated and treated with Quadris and Tundra. Goble received a check for \$500. County agent Dave Freeze assisted with this contest entry.

The Arkansas Soybean Association would like to thank the sponsors of the 2010 Yield Challenge: Armor Seed Co (first place), Monsanto (second place), and Hornbeck Seed (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Each of the winners also received a case of Headline from BASF. Thanks also to all the producers who entered along with the county agents and consultants who worked with and assisted the producers with the fields.

The 2011 Contests will continue with the Race for 100 Bushels/Acre and a new Go for the Green (\$\$\$\$) Yield Contest which will recognize the top 4 growers in the state in each of the following production categories: Early Season, Full Season, and Double Crop. For information on the 2011 Soybean Yield Contests please contact the AR Soybean Association at 501-666-1418 or [swsoy@aristotle.net](mailto:swsoy@aristotle.net).