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# Objective Yield

## New for 2023



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- Soybean Form B: Items 14 – 16 are new this year. Harvested pods from all plants in the 3-foot section of unit 1 must be counted. Unit 2 may be used if there are no plants in the 3-foot section of Unit 1.
- The GLR is the only region doing this.
- See Soybean Interviewer's Manual page 512 for more information.



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- Counts within the 6-inch area remain unchanged.
- Harvest procedures remain unchanged.
- Lab procedures remain unchanged. The lab in St. Louis will continue to count the pods sent for harvested units.
- The item 15 count could be several hundred. The item 16 count will likely be very low.



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- Form-B data collection (counts) may not begin until August 25 (for the September 1 Survey). However, once the Form-A is completed and you have permission to enter the field, you may find and set up the sample plots.
- It takes much longer to make Form-B counts when the unit must also be set up, so this should help with being able to get all the samples worked the first month.



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- So, to spread out the workload the first month, HQ is allowing enumerators to setup units prior to August 25.
- Please be as efficient as possible, and work with your Supervisor to develop a strategy.
- Remember, Form-B counts can't be made prior to August 25.



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- Setting up units prior to August 25 is not required.
- Row space measurements can be made when setting up the units prior to August 25. However, DO NOT go past item 5 on the Form-B. Remember, Form-B counts can't be made prior to August 25.
- When you re-visit the units to make counts, the unit location code should be '1', since it is the first Form-B submitted for this sample.



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- If the units for a sample are setup early, the date on the Form-B will be the date that counts were made, not the date the unit was setup.
- The Form-B date that counts were made will be the date used in CAPI (fieldwork date).