

# SOYBEAN RESEARCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR PROFILE – GREG ENDRES

... Farmer Blog



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## **Why did you decide to pursue a career that includes soybean research?**

*My career as an extension agronomist began in 1990. By the mid-90s, soybean acreage began to increase in North Dakota and expanded over the next two decades to exceed the state's wheat acreage. Today, the state ranks as number 4 in the U.S. for soybean acreage. The cornerstone crop of my career has been soybean production, education and research.*

## **What research topic have you completed in the past, or are working on now, that could have or has had the most significant impact on soybean production?**

*I have studied soybean row spacing by plant density (with contributions from many North Dakota researchers) to improve recommendations for North Dakota farmers.*

## **How has the soybean checkoff enhanced your ability to find answers to production problems for farmers?**

*The support from the Soybean Checkoff is valuable for me to have adequate resources to properly conduct and report the research.*

## **Within your area of expertise, what are the top two or three general recommendations you would offer farmers to improve their management practices?**

- 1. Do your homework on variety selection!*
- 2. Use the recommended combination of row spacing and plant population.*
- 3. Use proper crop sequence (rotation).*

## **Within your area of expertise, what do you consider to be critical soybean research needs that can impact the profitability of farmers in the future?**

*I believe researchers need to continue exploring and refining strategies that will protect soil*

*from erosion and increase long-term soil productivity with soybean as a key crop in a cropping system.*

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