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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Secretary Vilsak Re-appoints Area Farmer to United Soybean Board**

MANKATO, MN – September 8, 2011 – Waseca County farmer Scott Singlestad has been appointed by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to another term on the United Soybean Board (USB). He will be sworn in as director on December 6, 2011 at USB's annual meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Singlestad grows corn and soybeans and owns a farrow-to-finish hog operation in Waseca County. A long-time director and former chairman of the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council (MSR&PC), Singlestad, said he strives to listen to all soybean farmers and bring their perspectives forward to the national board.

“The goal of the board is to wisely invest checkoff dollars in order to increase profit potential for all U.S. soybean farmers,” Singlestad. “It takes a great commitment to serve on the board and I am honored to be serving U.S. soybean farmers as a part of USB.”

Singlestad is one of 19 soybean farmers from across the United States appointed to the USB board of directors. These volunteers work to invest checkoff funds on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers in the areas of domestic and international marketing, maintaining and increasing U.S. soybean yields, finding new uses for soy, ensuring market access for U.S. soy and other areas benefiting the U.S. soybean industry.

The United Soybean Board is made up of 69 farmer-directors who oversee the investments of the soybean checkoff on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers. Checkoff funds are invested in the areas of animal utilization, human utilization, industrial utilization, industry relations, market access and supply. As stipulated in the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soybean checkoff.

The Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council is an elected board of 15 soybean producers from across the state. The mission of the council is to invest soybean checkoff dollars in well-defined research, marketing, education and commercialization programs designed to increase demand and thereby improve the profitability of Minnesota's soybean farmers. For more information, visit [www.mns soybean.org](http://www.mns soybean.org).

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