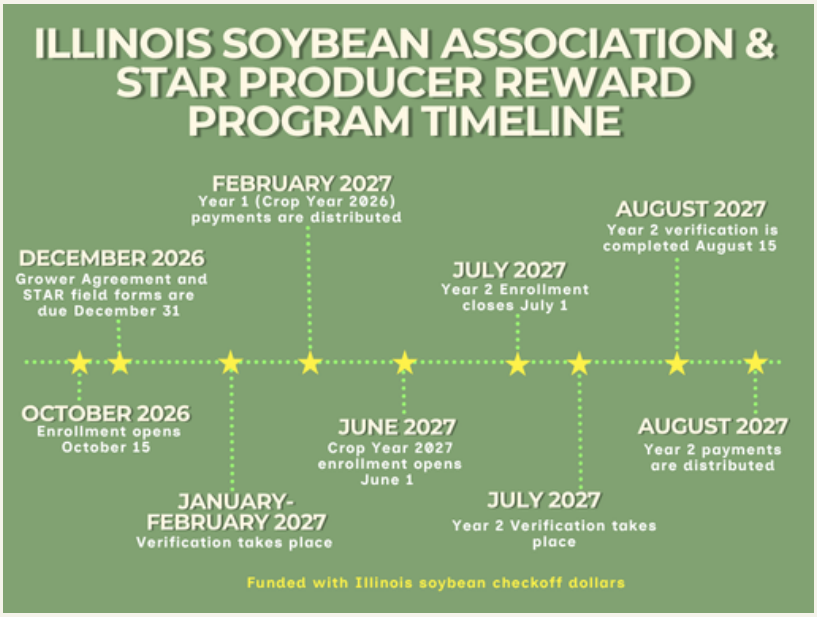
Illinois Soybean Association & STAR Reward Program

STAR Background

The STAR Tool is a simple online questionnaire created by farmers, for farmers that evaluates conservation management practices on a 1 to 5 STAR rating scale.

Apply Now!

The ISA-STAR Producer Rewards Program opened on October 15, 2026. The program has a cap this year, which is expected to be reached quickly. This is first-come, first-served, so make sure you are ready to apply ASAP! Applications will closed on December 31st.



Eligibility Criteria

- All fields in Illinois are eligible if soybeans are currently grown or in the rotation in the last 5 years.
- All participant **MUST** complete a Grower Agreement **AND** use the STAR Tool to get a STAR score on the fields listed in the Grower Agreement. STAR provides each field a confidential rating of 1-5 STARs. The program will be for Crop Years 2026 and 2027. Until 200 acre per year cap is reached, producers receive payments as follows:

  1.Receiving and maintaining a 5-STAR Rating (the highest rating) OR
  2.Demonstrating improvement in initial STAR rating over a two-year period.

First time User Incentive (one time only)	Payment Per Acre
Any STAR Rating	$3
Change Incentive (one time per Rating)	**Payment Per Acre**
1 >> 2-STARs	$10
2 >> 3-STARs	$15
3 >> 4-STARs	$20
Flat Incentive (can receive multiple years)	**Payment Per Acre**
5-STARs	$25

Funded by Illinois soybean checkoff dollars

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How To Apply

- **Step One:** Get a STAR score for each field at www.startool.ag
  Make sure you complete a STAR field form for **ALL** fields that you would like to submit
- **Step Two:** Complete a Grower Agreement with all fields listed for consideration.
  FSA Farm/Tract/Field ID numbers **MUST** be included in the application

How To Create a STAR Account

How To Draw a Field Boundary

How To Get a STAR Score

Up to $5,600 Payment Possible per Producer!

(200 acre payout cap per farmer per year)

Which fields should I list on my Grower Agreement? Three Routes to Payment
1.) Select 5-STAR fields first!
2.) If you don't have any of 5-STAR fields but used STAR in CY25, select the fields that improved the most in 2026!
3.) Producers who complete their first-ever STAR assessment receive a one-time $3/acre payment.