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I. FOREWORD

The mailing list of the Soybean Genetics Newsletter is printed for the convenience of soybean scientists wishing to contact other scientists in particular states or countries, or seeking addresses of scientists they know of but cannot locate. Volume 13 mailing list will reflect the three-year cyclical nature of this list: Each three years, subscribers are asked to reaffirm their wish to remain on the list by filling out and returning a coupon sent to them in the annual Request for Articles each October. And, of course, some coupons are lost, some are ignored, but most are returned. This issue's list will be shorter than usual, because we retain on the list ONLY those returned. Then, through the succeeding three years, we get individual letters and notes requesting the back issue(s) and asking that the name be returned to the mailing list. Therefore, if you seek a soybean scientist's address that isn't in Volume 13, look in Volume 12; he or she just may have neglected to return the coupon.

Each year at this time we make, to ourselves, the promise that we will adhere more closely to the declared deadline of 1 February for receipt of articles for the newsletter. When the task of preparing the newsletter for publication runs into preparation for spring planting, we're all stressed. So, now again, we make to you the promise (or threat) that we MUST receive manuscripts by 1 February for them to be considered for publication in the Soybean Genetics Newsletter.

We receive many requests for back issues of the Newsletter, and we fill these requests as much as possible. Although we print a large number of newsletters beyond our mailing list, we have, over the years, run out of copies of Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 11. Volumes 1, 2, and 3 were reprinted, through the kindness of Robert Judd of the National Soybean Crop Improvement Council, Keith Smith of the American Soybean Association Research Foundation, and John Pesek of the Department of Agronomy at Iowa State. Costs of printing have gone up and up over the years; mailing costs have risen phenomenally. So, this winter we sent out a call for help to private seed companies, agricultural chemical companies, and genetic research institutions. We are extremely grateful to Agracetus, Asgrow Seed Company, Calgene, Dow Chemical Company, Funk Seeds International, King Agro, Inc., Land O'Lakes Research, Lilly Research Laboratories, Monsanto Agricultural Company, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Sungene Technologies Corp., United Agriseeds, Inc., and The Upjohn

Company for their financial assistance. We are also pleased, proud, and grateful that an individual scientist, Dr. Theodore Hymowitz, respected the Soybean Genetics Newsletter enough to make a sizeable contribution.

The monetary votes of confidence give us the encouragement (and dollars) so necessary if we are to continue publishing the Newsletter.

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