USDA Adopts UT Soybean Variety as High Performance Check

Congratulations to Professor Vince Pantalone of the Department of Plant Sciences on having his new UT soybean variety “Ellis” adopted as the USDA high yield check, replacing 5002T for southern regional field trials. Checks are used to benchmark the performance of other elite soybean breeding lines and commercial varieties. This is the third time that a Pantalone soybean variety has been honored in this manner. The name “Ellis” has special meaning as Pantalone chose to name the new variety after research associates Debbie and Lee Ellis in honor of their long-standing commitment to AgResearch and the Institute.