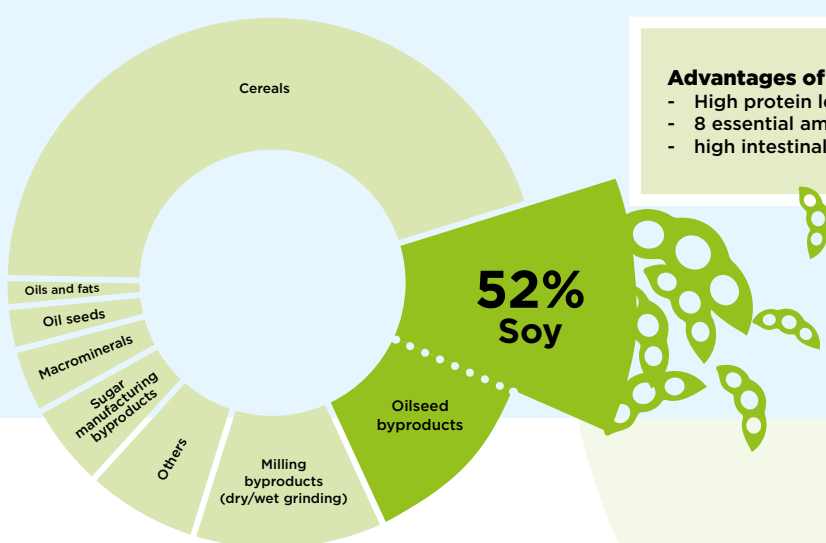


## BFA contributes to sustainable soybean production

The objective of the compound feed sector is to produce quality, safe and sustainable feed. The sector therefore uses very high quality raw materials to achieve this. Soy is an important and high quality source of protein for the animal feed sector. BFA has been advocating for many years for sustainable soy crops in the country of origin.



**Advantages of soy**

- High protein level
- 8 essential amino acids
- high intestinal digestibility

Soy can be used whole in animal feed, but it's common to crush it.

This process separates the oil from the rest.

**The animal feed industry uses mainly soy meal**

## Did you know?



**20 kg**  
soy hulls

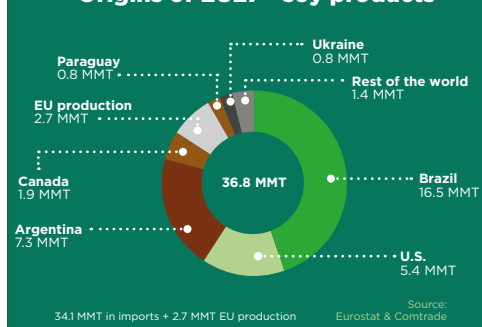
**790 kg**  
soybean meal

**190-200**  
litres oil

**1000 kg**  
soybeans

### EUROPE OVERVIEW

#### Origins of EU27+ soy products



**1.2 MMT**  
soy export  
out of Europe

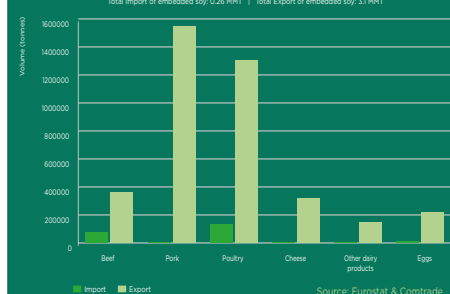
**32.7 MMT**  
Soybean meal  
available\*\*

**2.55 MMT**  
EU+ net export  
embedded soy

Europe does not have enough soy to meet the demand from the feed sector. Europe and Belgium therefore depend on foreign countries to import soy.

#### Import and export of embedded soy in EU27+

Total Import of embedded soy: 0.26 MMT | Total Export of embedded soy: 31 MMT



**30.15 MMT**  
EU+ soybean meal  
consumption

32,7 - 2,55 = 30,15

FEFAC estimated that **77%** of EU soy imports is from **low deforestation risk areas**

### GLOBAL OVERVIEW

**354 MMT**  
global soy  
production

**32,5 MMT**  
is FEFAC SSG  
compliant soy

**127 M**  
hectares total  
production

(\*) FEFAC, the European Feed Manufacturers' Federation, has developed in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC), a benchmark for sustainability standards, i.e. the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines.

(\*\*) MMT = million metric tons

Bron: IDH Soy Monitor

## Sustainability & Climate

### Sustainable soy



#### 2006

- BFA signs the Amazon Soy Moratorium in 2006: no more imports of soy grown on plots that were deforested after 2006 in Brazil.
- BFA also set up the socially-responsible feed platform

#### 2012

BFA purchases the first RTRS soy certificates\*

\* RTRS : Round Table Responsible Soy : a civil organisation that promotes responsible production, processing and trading of soy on a global level

#### 2009

BFA purchases the first certificates of sustainable soy according to the BFA socially-sustainable soy standard. This standard includes criteria related to the environment, social aspects and the economy.

#### 2022

BFA buys 456,000 sustainable soy certificates, diversified across 4 standards: CRS, SFAP-non conversion, ASC and RTRS. 13,500 certificates were funded by Delhaize, which represents the amount of soy needed to produce the animal products available on its shelves.

BFA members collectively purchased up to 100.000 tons of societally-responsible soy certificates for the first time in 2009. The sector has also purchased RTRS certificates since 2012.

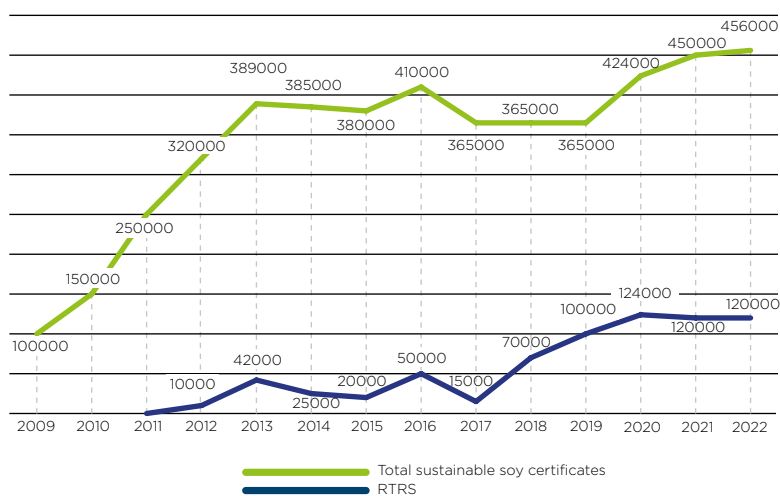
Covers **100%** of the internal market

**100%** deforestation-free

**Collective** purchases

Compulsory for BFA members

**Control** by an **independent certification** body



(\*) According to the study by Dutch research group Profundo.

Each year, BFA invests significantly in sustainable soy certification and monitors the situation of certified sustainable soy through audit reports.

## 2030 Sustainability Strategy

The Belgian animal feed sector will continue to invest in the coming years to make the sector more sustainable.

By 2030, all soy used by Belgian animal feed manufacturers (60% in 2022 and 75% in 2025) will meet the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines and FEFAC Deforestation Free criteria.

**More about sustainable soy?**  
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