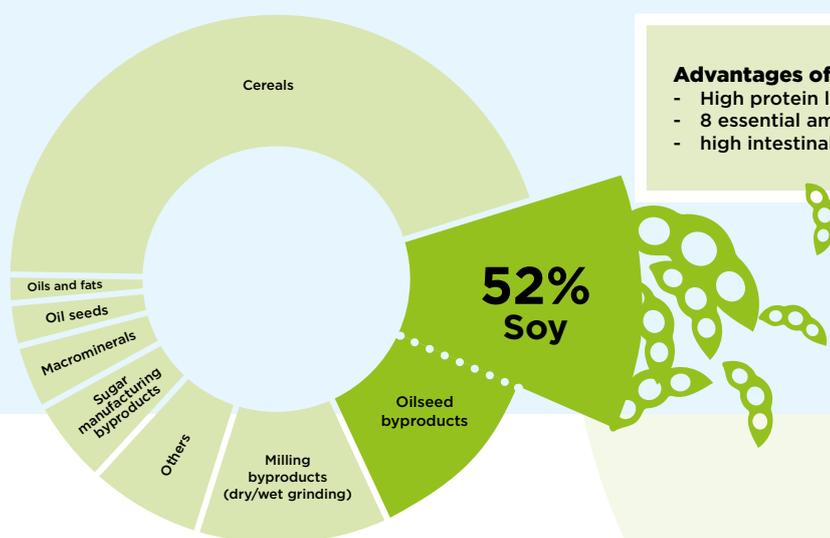


BFA contributes to sustainable soybean production

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?

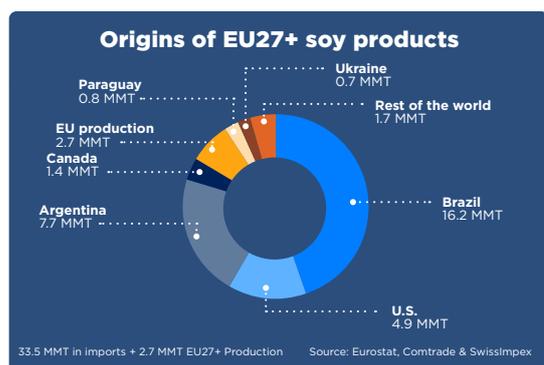


20 kg
soy hulls

790 kg
soybean meal

190-200
litres oil

EUROPE OVERVIEW

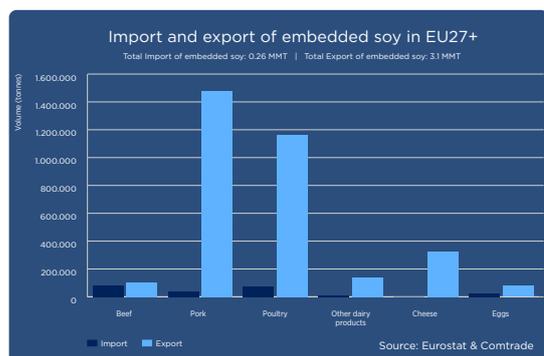


31.91 MMT
Soybean meal available**

3.18 MMT
EU27+ net export embedded soy

28.73 MMT
EU27+ soybean meal consumption

FEFAC estimated that **93.9%** of EU27+ soy imports are from **low deforestation risk areas** and **42%** of soy used in feed was FEFAC SSG compliant***



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.

GLOBAL OVERVIEW

338 MMT¹
global soy production in 2021

11.5 MMT
is FEFAC SSG compliant soy

129.5 Million
hectares total production

(**) Net import of soybeans in soybean meal equivalents 11.94 MMT + net import of soybean meal 17.9 MMT + 2.18 MMT own soy production in soybean meal equivalents.

(¹) MMT = million metric tons

(***) Average of the 14 countries in the report.

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.

2023

BFA buys 491.000 sustainable soy certificates across 3 standards: CRS, SFAP non conversion and RTRS. 13,500 certificates were funded by Delhaize and 31.587 by Colruyt. This represents the amount of soy need to produce the animal products available on their 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.

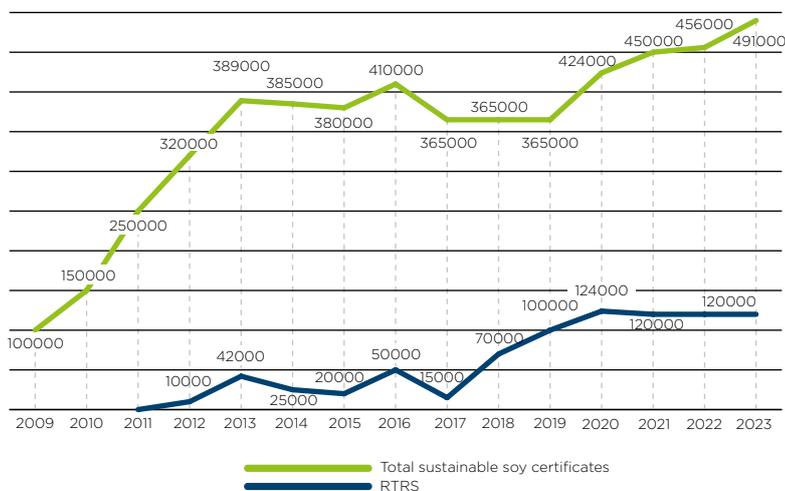
Covers **100%** of the internal market

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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