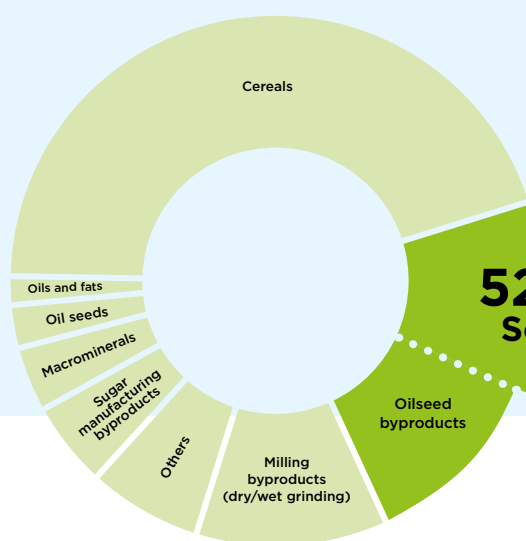


## BFA contributes to sustainable soybean production

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 sector uses mainly soy meal**

## Did you know?



**20 kg**  
soy hulls

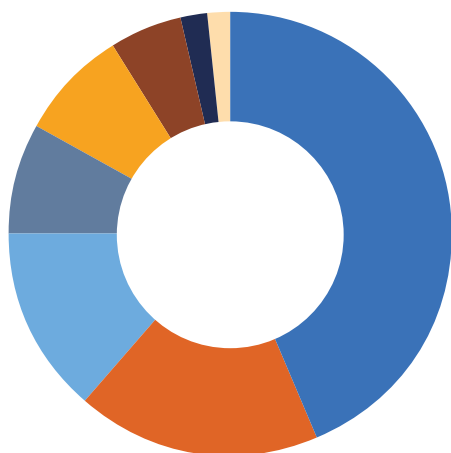
**790 kg**  
soybean meal

**1000 kg**  
soybeans

**190-200**  
litres oil

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.

### EUROPE OVERVIEW



- Brazil 15,7 MMT
- EU Production 2,9 MMT
- Rest of the world 6,4 MMT
- Ukraine 1,9 MMT
- U.S. 4,9 MMT
- Canada 0,7 MMT
- Argentina 2,9 MMT
- Paraguay 0,5 MMT

36,3 MMT in imports + 2,9 MMT EU27+ production

### GLOBAL OVERVIEW

**371 MMT<sup>1</sup>**  
global soy  
production in 2023

**15.2 MMT**  
is FEAC SSG  
compliant soy

**139.9 Million**  
hectares total  
production

**44.90 MMT**  
Soybean meal  
available\*\*

**2.11 MMT**  
EU27+ net export  
embedded soy

**28.32 MMT**  
EU27+ soybean  
meal consumption

FEAC estimated that **54%** of soy used in feed was FEAC SSG compliant\*\*\*

(\*\*) Net import of soybeans in soybean meal equivalents

(<sup>1</sup>) 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.

#### 2025

BFA buys 552.000 sustainable soy certificates across 3 standards: CRS, SFAP non conversion and RTRS. Some of these certificates are funded by Delhaize and 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

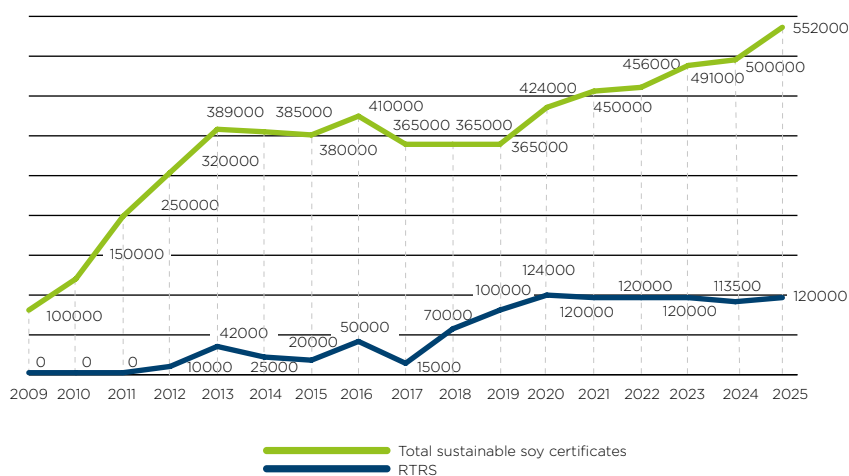
**100%** deforestation-free

**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 (85% in 2027) will meet the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines and FEFAC Deforestation Free criteria.

**More about sustainable soy?**  
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