



European Commission



SOYA BEAN TRADE

The U.S. is the main soya bean supplier for the European Union

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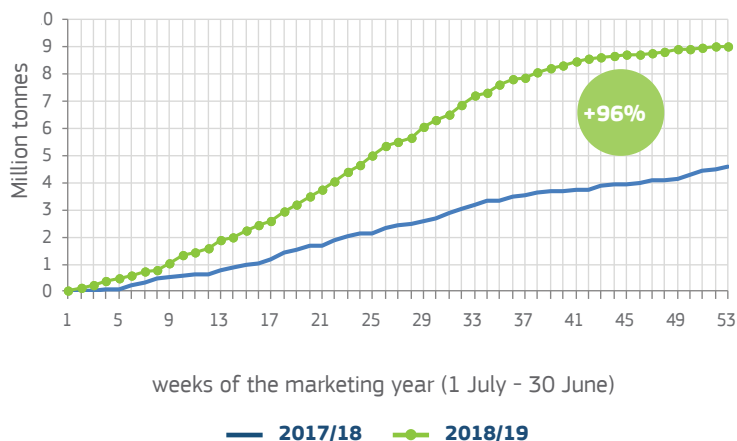
“The European Union can import more soya beans from the U.S. and it will be done.”

Jean-Claude Juncker, 25 July 2018

Imports of U.S. soya beans by the European Union increased by 96% over the 2018/19 marketing year (July 2018 - June 2019), compared to the previous marketing year.

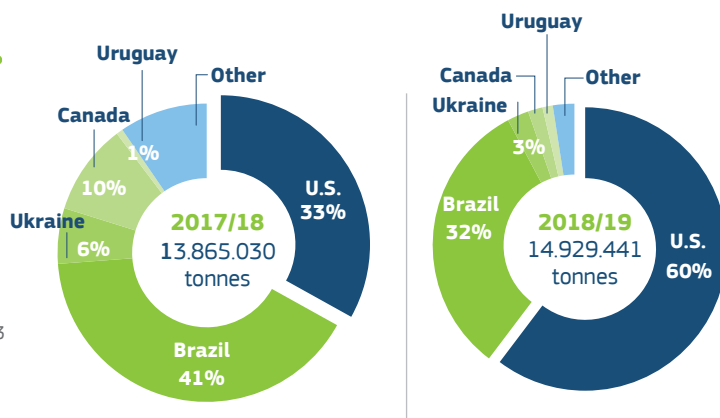
The U.S. is now Europe’s number one supplier, with a share of 60% in total EU imports of soya beans, compared to 33% in the previous marketing year.

EU IMPORTS OF SOYA BEANS OF UNITED STATES ORIGIN (cumulative volume)



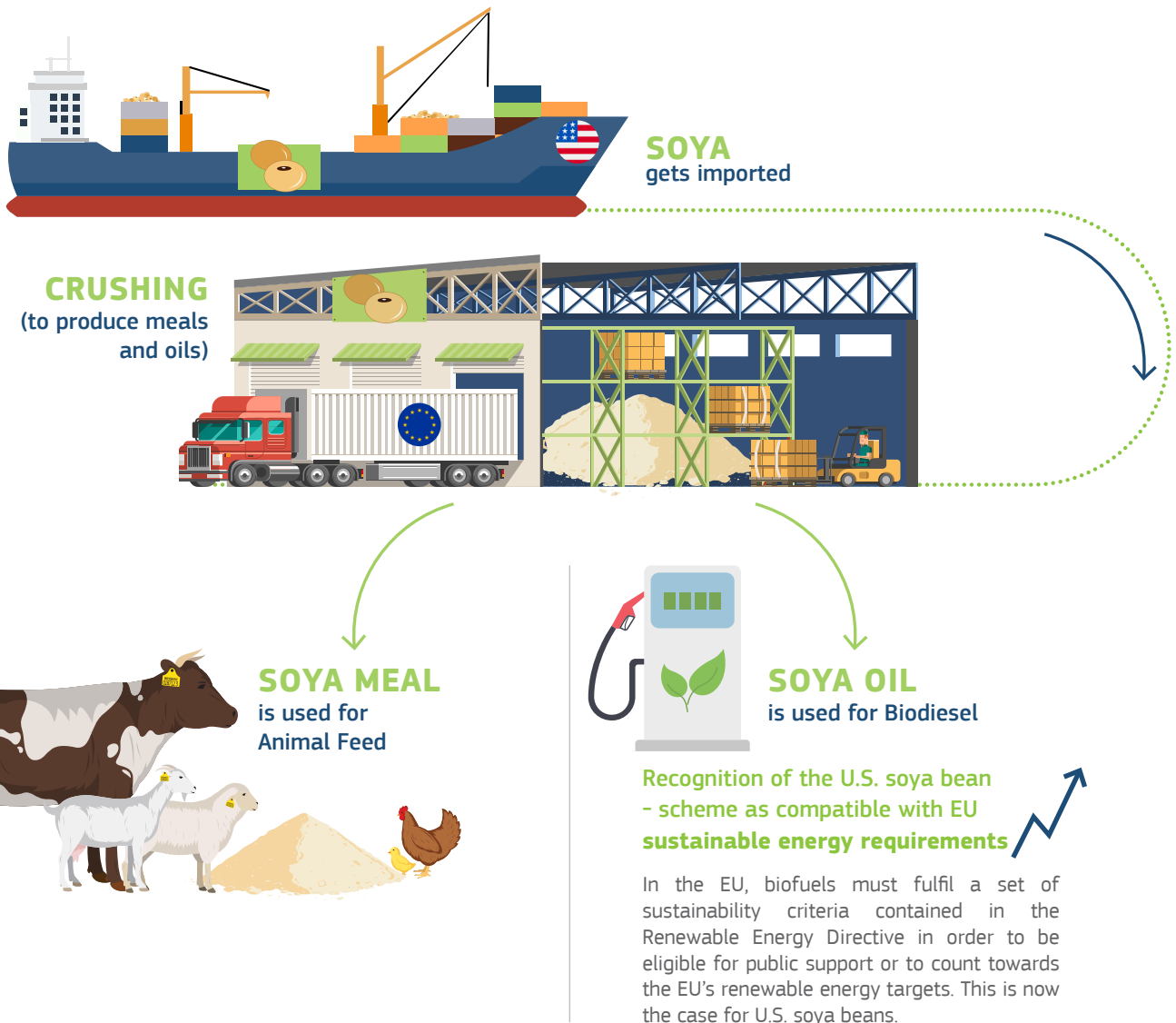
EU IMPORTS OF SOYA BEANS

provisional data for the complete marketing year (update 15 July 2019)



The EU imports about **14 million tonnes** of soya beans per year as a source of protein to feed our animals, including chicken, pigs and cattle, as well as for milk production. Soya beans from the U.S. happen to be a very attractive feed option for European importers and users...

... and are now very attractive for biofuel production.



Renewable energy is becoming mainstream in Europe's energy system and it is important that any biofuels put in the EU market respect the sustainability standards set in the EU.

In January 2019, the Commission recognised the U.S. soya bean - scheme as compatible with EU sustainable energy standards.

The decision on the **U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol (SSAP)** further improves the competitive position of U.S. soya beans growers, as it makes the oil fraction of U.S. soya beans more attractive for the EU biofuels market.