

SOY FACTS: Sustainably Grown in the United States



Customers of U.S. soy are increasingly demanding sustainable sourcing. U.S. soybean farmers are 100% committed to ensuring and documenting that every link in the U.S. soy supply chain operates sustainably, with sound environmental objectives, social responsibility, promotion of economic growth and continuous improvement in agricultural practices.

U.S. SOYBEAN SUSTAINABILITY ASSURANCE PROTOCOL

The U.S. Soybean Sustainability Assurance Protocol (SSAP) describes the regulations, processes and management practices that ensure sustainable soybean production, and is a key part of the overall U.S. soybean producer sustainability program. The U.S. approach is audited, measurable, quantifiable and results-driven, and international certification is available.

The Protocol focuses on four sustainability directives:

BIODIVERSITY

- Soybeans are not produced on highly diverse grasslands, forests, wetlands
- Ensures protection of habitat of endangered or threatened species and migratory birds

CONSERVATION PRACTICES

- Producers practice conservation tillage to increase soil health and reduce erosion, runoff and energy use
- Crop rotation to improve soil biodiversity
- Precision farming techniques to reduce inputs

PUBLIC AND LABOR HEALTH AND WELFARE

- Producers are in compliance with all federal and state laws for protection of the environment, labor, and health

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURAL PRACTICES

- Includes federal and state programs for conservation, environmental quality, agricultural water enhancement, wildlife enhancement
- Technology transfer of Best Management Practices developed by the National Sustainable Soybean Initiative and Field Office Technical Guides for local soil conditions
- Development of additional performance metrics

CERTIFICATION

Customers can request a certificate of compliance with the Soybean Sustainability Assurance Protocol from U.S. soy exporters. The certificate confirms the soy they export was produced with sustainable farming practices. For more information on obtaining certification for soy exports, go to ussec.org/ssap or call (636) 449-6400.



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