

# Fact Sheet: Soybeans



- Alabama produced 13.12 million bushels of soybeans on 410,000 harvested acres in 2016. Average yield was 32 bushels per acre.
- In 2016, Limestone County produced the most soybeans in Alabama with 2.2 million bushels. Madison County followed with 1.6 million bushels, and Lawrence County produced 1.3 million bushels.
- Soybeans are typically planted from late April until June.
- Soybean harvest typically begins in late September and finishes by the end of November.
- Soybeans are frequently rotated with other crops such as wheat to improve soil stability, reduce erosion and control pests and diseases.
- Half of 1 percent of the total selling price of soybeans is returned to the State Soybean Committee through the Soybean Checkoff.
- The checkoff promotes soybeans through research, marketing and education along with the United Soybean Board.
- For every dollar invested in the checkoff, \$5.20 is returned to the farmer through checkoff investments.
- About 85 percent of the world's soybeans are processed into soybean meal and oil.
- Ninety-eight percent of U.S. soy meal goes to animal agriculture.
- Broiler chickens consume 11.2 million tons, pigs consume 7.9 million tons and dairy cows consume 2.7 million tons of soy meal annually.
- One acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons.
- Soybean oil is sold in grocery stores as vegetable oil, which is used in salad dressings, mayonnaise, crackers, cakes, cookies, pies and other foods.
- Soybeans are used in biodiesel, particleboard, laminated plywood, commercial carpet, auto upholstery, candles, soy ink and tofu.
- The soybean is the highest natural source of dietary fiber.



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