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 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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