



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SOYBEANS

General Facts

- 63.6 million acres of soybeans were planted in the United States in 2007.
- Nearly half of U.S. soybeans are exported primarily to Asia, Europe and Latin America.
- In processing, soybeans are cleaned, cracked, dehulled and rolled into flakes. This process separates the oil and meal components.
- Soybean oil is used in food products, such as salad dressings and mayonnaise, and industrial products such as plastics and biodiesel.
- 98 percent of soybean meal is used to feed livestock.
- There are 26,000 soybean farmers in Ohio.

2007 Ohio Soybean Facts

- 4.2 million acres of soybeans were planted in Ohio.
- Ohio farmers produced 194 million bushels of soybeans.
- Ohio ranked fifth in soybean production.
- Ohio's soybean industry was valued at \$1.9 billion.

Top 10 Producing Counties in 2007 (per acres harvested)

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| 1. Darke - 144,200 | 6. Van Wert - 119,700 |
| 2. Wood - 136,700 | 7. Pickaway - 118,500 |
| 3. Putnam - 131,100 | 8. Fayette - 117,600 |
| 4. Madison - 126,800 | 9. Seneca - 117,400 |
| 5. Hancock - 125,000 | 10. Hardin - 115,500 |