

# Soy with higher-than-average yields

Berlin, 29 November 2023. – Although the German soybean area 2023 was smaller than the previous year, the harvest is seen to clearly exceed the previous year's figure.

According to information published by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), soybean farming did not play an appreciable role in Germany until 2015. Since then, the area has grown continually and significantly. However, in 2023 it was reduced 6,700 hectares to 44,800 hectares.

According to preliminary information by the German Federal Statistical Office, 122,100 tonnes of soybeans were probably harvested from this area, around 1,600 tonnes more than a year earlier. The increase is mainly based on growth in yield. At 27.3 decitonnes per hectare, the previous year's average yield was exceeded by 3.9 decitonnes per hectare. As a result, the decline in area was more than offset. Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg remained the most important production regions.

The Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) has used the 2023 decline in soy production area as an opportunity to highlight the continued need for consultation on, and promotion of, crops like leguminous plants. The UFOP believes that there is still room for refining the German Ministry of Agriculture's arable farming strategy in a holistic manner. The association has emphasised that arable farmers are basically strongly interested in diversifying crop rotations to enhance resilience against climate change.



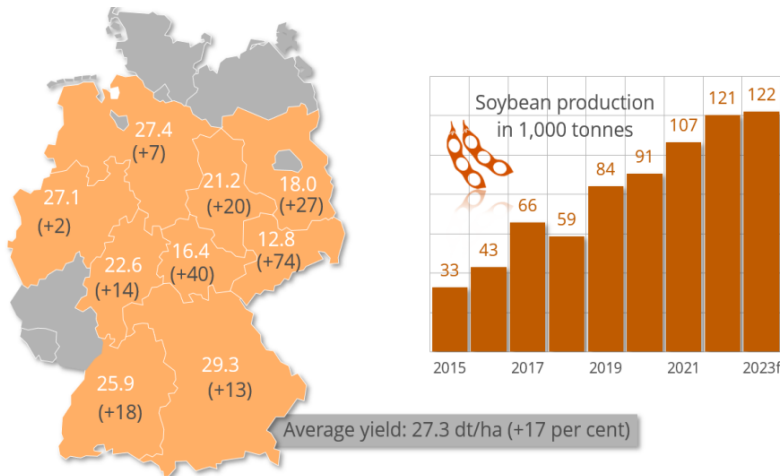
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## Soybean yields in Germany

2023 estimated, in dt/ha, changes compared to 2022 in per



Source: Destatis

Note: f = forecast

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