



WHAT IS THE SUSTAINABLE CANADIAN SOY PROGRAM?

It's Canada's commitment to producing and providing verified sustainable soybeans.

Sustainable Canadian Soy is a program of Soy Canada implemented by Canadian grain exporters and handlers. It involves grower self-assessments and rigorous third-party verification, with a focus on continuous improvement. These efforts provide a supply of third-party verified sustainable soybeans, helping buyers meet their sustainable sourcing goals and requirements.



It is based on the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform's Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA), a globally recognized and widely accepted program for sustainable sourcing. The FSA is a whole farm sustainability assessment incorporating economic and financial viability, social responsibility, and environmental protection. The FSA recognizes both Canadian federal and provincial legislation.

NOW AVAILABLE – VERIFIED SUSTAINABLE SOY

From program development through to verification, Canada's soybean industry has invested in the Sustainable Canadian Soy program. Participating Canadian grain exporters and handlers now serve customers asking for verified sustainable soybeans by working with groups of growers committed to implementing best practices. One of the greatest differences between Sustainable Canadian Soy and the U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol is the specific investment from Canadian growers and exporters to provide a verifiable system.

VERIFICATION AND ASSURANCE

Participation in the Sustainable Canadian Soy program is managed by Canadian soybean suppliers from the initial self-assessment process through continuous improvement planning. Participating growers complete the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) and suppliers engage an accredited third-party verification body to perform on-farm audits, ensuring that farmers are implementing the practices they attest to in the FSA. Once verified, FSA letters of attestation are issued that allow suppliers and buyers of Canadian soybeans to make sustainability claims with confidence.



Verified sustainable Canadian soy is available directly from



CANADIAN SOYBEAN SUPPLIERS

soycanada.ca



ABOUT THE FARM SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

Founded in 2002, the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform) developed the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) as a tool to address the significant challenges facing the sustainability of agri-food supply chains. This tool assesses and measures on-farm sustainability against global best practices, showing buyers the sustainability performance of their supply chains based on farm-level data.

Through the FSA, the Sustainable Canadian Soy program prioritizes alignment of its practices with global harmonized standards accepted by buyers who value sustainability. This demonstrates the Canadian soy industry's commitment to a sustainable future. FSA verification provides a consistent system to improve and validate on-farm sustainability in supply chains.



40+
countries

have implemented the FSA



126
different crops



200,000
growers are assessed by the FSA

HOW DOES CANADA'S SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM COMPARE?

One of the key differences between the Sustainable Canadian Soy program and the U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol is the investment from growers and exporters to provide a system for verified sustainable soy. From program development to on-farm verification, Canada's soybean industry invests in Sustainable Canadian Soy. This continued industry investment sets Sustainable Canadian Soy apart from other sustainable soy initiatives.

Canadian farmers choosing to implement the FSA provide customers third-party verified sustainable supply backed by a globally recognized system. FSA verification allows farmers to demonstrate sustainability performance and buyers to understand how that performance compares to other sustainability claims.

It's a system that demonstrates how Sustainable Canadian Soy is comparable or better than other origins.

FSA-verified Canadian soy will meet or exceed the performance level of soy sourced from other similar sustainability programs around the world including:

- The Roundtable on Responsible Soy
- International Sustainability and Carbon Certification
- U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol

The U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol program has been benchmarked as equivalent to FSA silver, a level Canadian participating growers in the Sustainable Canadian Soy program are expected to meet or exceed.

