

# EU soybean imports declined – US remains main supplier

**Berlin, 25 March 2026 – Soybeans are the most important oilseed crop imported into the European Union, ahead of rapeseed. Between July 2025 and mid-March 2026, the EU imported the lowest soybean volume in three years.**

According to data from the European Commission, the European Union purchased just over 8.7 million tonnes of soybeans between 1 July 2025 and 15 March 2026, representing a drop of around 1.1 million tonnes compared to the same period in the 2024/25 season. The US and Brazil remain the most important supplier countries, although neither matched the previous year's volumes. At 4.1 million tonnes, the EU received a significantly lower volume of soybeans from the US in the first eight and a half months of the current season compared to the year-earlier period (5.2 million tonnes). Consequently, the US share of total imports fell to approximately 47 per cent. Soybean shipments from Brazil, the second-largest supplier to the European market, dropped 2 per cent to approximately 2.7 million tonnes, accounting for just over 32 per cent of total imports.

During the same period, soybean imports from Ukraine into the EU declined roughly 19 per cent, falling to 905,900 tonnes. In contrast, deliveries from Canada increased notably, reaching 831,000 tonnes. This translates to a rise of roughly 58 per cent compared to the reference period of 2024/25. Argentina did not deliver any significant tonnages the previous year but, according to analysis by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft mbH (AMI), supplied around 50,100 tonnes to the EU market this year.

According to the Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP), the decline in soybean imports primarily reflects the drop in pig slaughtering in the EU from 250 million to 220 million between 2021 and 2023, which was followed by a moderate recovery to 227 million slaughtering in 2025.



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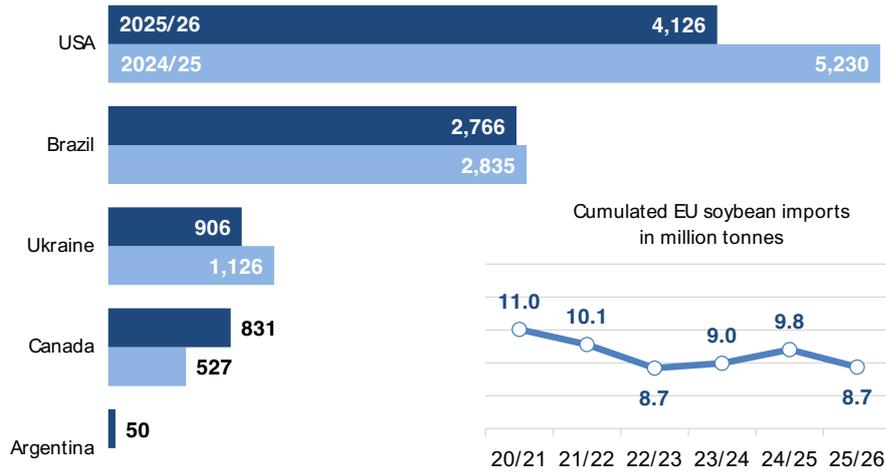
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**Soybean imports into the EU-27**  
from 01 July 2025 to 15 March 2026, in 1,000 tonnes

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Source: EU Commission, AMI

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