



Danube Soya for the Promotion
of European Soya Production

The supply of Danube Soya certified soy meal has improved dramatically in Southern Germany and Upper Austria

Press Release

The 2015 soya harvest is complete. Early estimations predict the same yield as the 2014 record year despite poorer output. At the same time, the Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), one of the world's largest oil seed processors, has joined Danube Soya. ADM Straubling in Germany will begin producing certified Daube Soya in mid 2016. This development will ensure an increase in the supply of high quality soya meal from the Danube Region.

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Summer 2015 was characterized by hot days, and thus difficult conditions for European agriculture. Despite a significantly smaller yield, however, early estimations predict a overall stability in European soya. The smaller yields were compensated by the expansion of cultivation areas, which increased due to the work of the Danube Soya association as well throught the Common Agricultural Policy. The soya cultivation areas in the Daube Region (excluding Ukraine) have nearly doubled in size – from 580,000 hectares in 2012, to 950,000 hectares in 2015. This is equivalent to an amount of almost 3 million tons of a normal harvest, and 2.2 million tons of a poor harvest, as was the case in 2015.

ADM Straubing Produces Danube Soya

Beginning in mid 2016 Soya will gain another buyer. Yesterday ADM Straubing announced the expansion of its oil milling plant in Straubing. ADM's move to begin processing soya is good news for farmers growing GMO-free soya beans sustainably throughout the Danube Region. For soya farmers this event marks the presence of yet another significant buyer.

The Straubling location is currently producing rapeseed meal and oil, beginning in mid 2016 they will extend production to include European soya meal and soya oil. With

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this move ADM joins forces with the international Danube Soya Association, founded in 2011, and strives to support the supply of high quality protein meals from and for the Danube Region. According to Rene van der Poel General, manager of ADM Straubing, "Joining Danube Soya and the opportunity of processing soya in our Straubing plant allows us to keep up with the increasing demand for certified non-GMO soya meal in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. At the same time this additional processing line allows us to work with the demands of these markets." With this act the supply will above all improve in Bavaria, Baden Württemberg, and Upper Austria. „Livestock owners from these important agrarian regions will have a better opportunity to reliably secure European and GMO-free soya," remarks the Danube Soya Chairman Matthias Krön.

About Danube Soya:

Danube Soya is a non-profit, independent organization and represents Europe's most significant initiative in the agricultural sector. Danube Soya links civil society, politics and important businesses from all sections of the value added chain, ranging from GMO-free seed production to food of animal and vegetable origin. Danube Soya stands for GMO-free, origin-controlled quality soya from the Danube Region and incorporates about 200 members from all over Europe. The Danube Soya Association has made it's objective to improve the conditions for successful European protein cultivation and to minimize soya imports. The Danube Soya headquarters are located in Vienna; regional offices are currently set up in Novi Sad, Serbia and in Bucharest, Romania. Representatives are in Switzerland and Italy.

Further information on Danube Soya can be found on www.donausoja.org.

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