

## **715,000 tonnes: Donau Soja harvest grows by 49 per cent in 2021**

*10 percent of European non-GM soy is Donau Soja certified*

**Vienna – Donau Soja farmers have had a strong season: Donau Soja and Europe Soya certified farms report 715,000 tonnes of certified soya from 11 European countries after the 2021 harvest. This is shown in the recently published Donau Soja Market Report (January 2022 issue). "Already 10 percent of the GMO-free European soya harvest is Donau Soja certified," reports Donau Soja chairman Matthias Krön. "The production of Donau Soja and Europe Soya certified soybeans increased by 49 percent in 2021."**

Total soybean production in Europe reached 9.5 million tonnes last season (+6.4% compared to 2020). Production of soybeans with the Donau Soja or Europe Soya label increased by 49% to 715,000 tonnes in 2021, after a temporary decline in the previous 2020 season. Well over 10,000 farmers produce according to the Donau Soja specifications, mainly small farms. Large quantities come from Serbia (68,000 tonnes), Ukraine (145,000 tonnes) and the European part of Russia (202,000 tonnes), guaranteeing that the higher EU standards must also be met outside the European Union. In the coming years, even larger quantities of certified soybeans can be made available - thanks to the protein partnership programmes of Donau Soja and its supporters. Protein partnerships are the European alternative to credits from overseas. By supporting local farmers in the main growing regions of South Eastern Europe, retailers and major food brands are making their valuable contribution to building reliable supply chains from and for Europe.

One of the main international issues in the soya market over the last four weeks has been the adverse weather conditions in Brazil, in regions where the upcoming crop is currently in the flowering and podding stage. Lack of rain in some states (Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul) and excessive rainfall in Mato Grosso. At the CBOT in Chicago, the futures for March 2022 were then traded with a plus of 65 (!) Euro per tonne. The price for European non-GM beans remained stable, reports Donau Soja. The Donau Soja Market Report provides information on the soy industry with a special focus on the European non-GM market. The main objective is to create market transparency and to support the actors in the non-GM soya sector.

### **More information on the 2021 harvest:**

[https://www.donausoja.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Downloads/DS\\_ES\\_Harvest\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_2021\\_EN\\_15.01.2022.pdf](https://www.donausoja.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads/DS_ES_Harvest_Fact_Sheet_2021_EN_15.01.2022.pdf)

We'll gladly send you the **Donau Soja Market Report for January 2022** upon request.

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