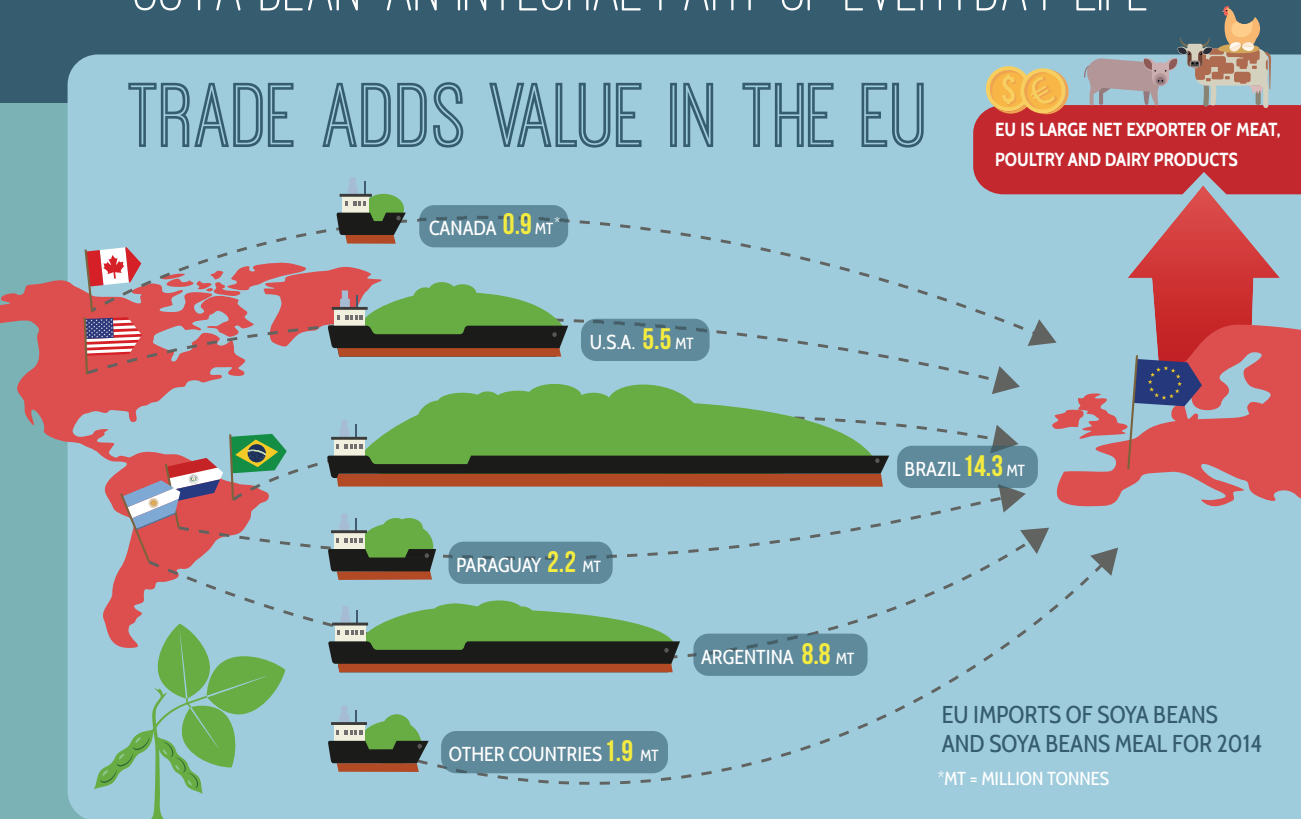


EU BENEFITS FROM GM TRADE

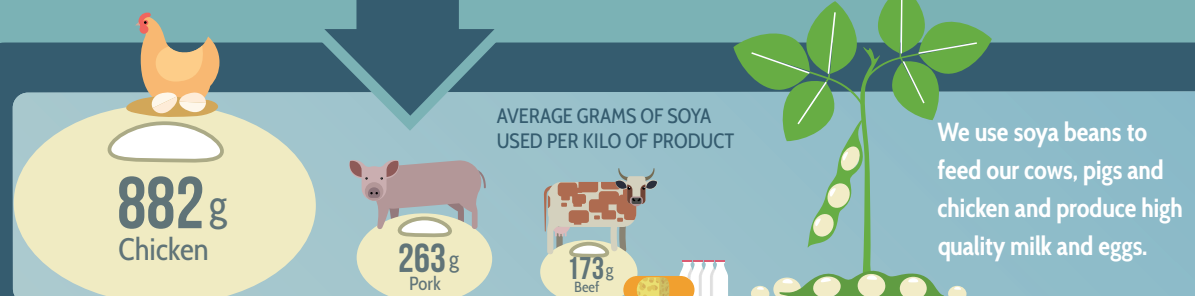
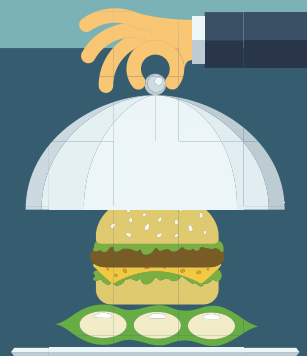
SOYA BEAN: AN INTEGRAL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE

TRADE ADDS VALUE IN THE EU



FACTS & FIGURES

SOYA BEANS ARE MUCH MORE THAN JUST SOY MILK AND TOFU. IT IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF PROTEIN FOR OUR FARM ANIMALS. MOST OF US IGNORE HOW MUCH SOYA WE CONSUME. A TYPICAL BEEF BURGER CAN CONTAIN MEAT RAISED ON SOYA MEAL, MARGARINE CONTAINING SOYA, MAYONNAISE WITH SOYA LECITHIN AND SOYA ADDITIVES IN THE BREAD BUN*.



The imported GM soya beans weigh as much as we do - totalling more than **60 kg** for each of the EU's **500 million** citizens per year, an incredible number of almost **34 million tonnes**.



Almost all soya is provided by South and North American countries, where GM technology adoption is over **90%**.



Although the EU is highly dependent on such imports, **China is now by far the biggest importer**, ahead of the EU.



The EU no longer dictates what world farmers grow. **Globally, farmers growing GM crops outnumber all European farmers**, and they grow these crops on a surface bigger than the entire EU arable land.



All soya production in the EU is non-GM. The **Danube Soya Initiative**, the most significant attempt to boost soya production in Europe is not a fully-fledged alternative to imports. The production in the EU accounts to **1.7 million tonnes** of soya beans, **less than 5% of EU need**.



If we damage trade in soya for feed we risk losing our export markets for European produced livestock products. We may **force EU livestock farmers out of business**, causing **meat imports** to Europe and **higher prices** for European consumers.