

European soy for laying hens

Project description: The companies Lüchinger + Schmid AG and EiCO Bern supply the Migros cooperatives with free-range eggs. An important part of the feed for the laying hens consists of soy meal, which without this climate protection project would be obtained from the conventional Swiss soy market and consist of a mix of Brazilian and European soy.

The usual practice here is to buy soy feed at the lowest prices. This means that the complete switch to European soy is associated with costs that are difficult to estimate. Thanks to the contribution from the M Climate Fund, the soy feed for laying hens can be sourced exclusively from European cultivation areas from mid-2022 and is 100% ProTerra certified.

The reduction in emissions is mainly due to the reduction in the transportation distance of the soya, which accounts for around 40% of the emissions from Brazilian soya. ProTerra certification ensures the preservation of biodiversity on the farms and the renaturation of sensitive areas with natural vegetation. In addition, the certified farms must apply good agricultural practice and, where possible, introduce nature-preserving systems such as integrated pest management (IPM) and organic farming methods.

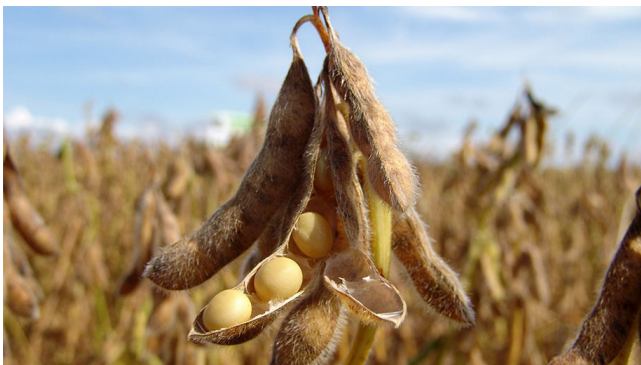
Origin: Europe

Project duration: 2022 to 2025

Annual emissions reduction of the project: 380 t CO₂-e

Situation without project: Percentage of Brazilian soy in the feed

Impressions



Ripe soybean, ready to be harvested and processed.

Photo: Yannick Andrea



Soy is an important ingredient in feed for laying hens.

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