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Report Highlights:

Despite early-season delays caused by irregular rainfall, Brazil's MY 2025/26 soybean planting is nearing completion, with nearly 98.5 percent of the projected area sown and most major producing states finished, paving the way for a potential record crop. Soybean exports are also projected to reach a new high, driven primarily by strong demand from the People's Republic of China (PRC). Meanwhile, potential Mercosur–EU trade developments and ongoing sustainability disputes may influence future growth. Soybean processing is likewise expected to increase, supported by domestic biodiesel demand and export growth.

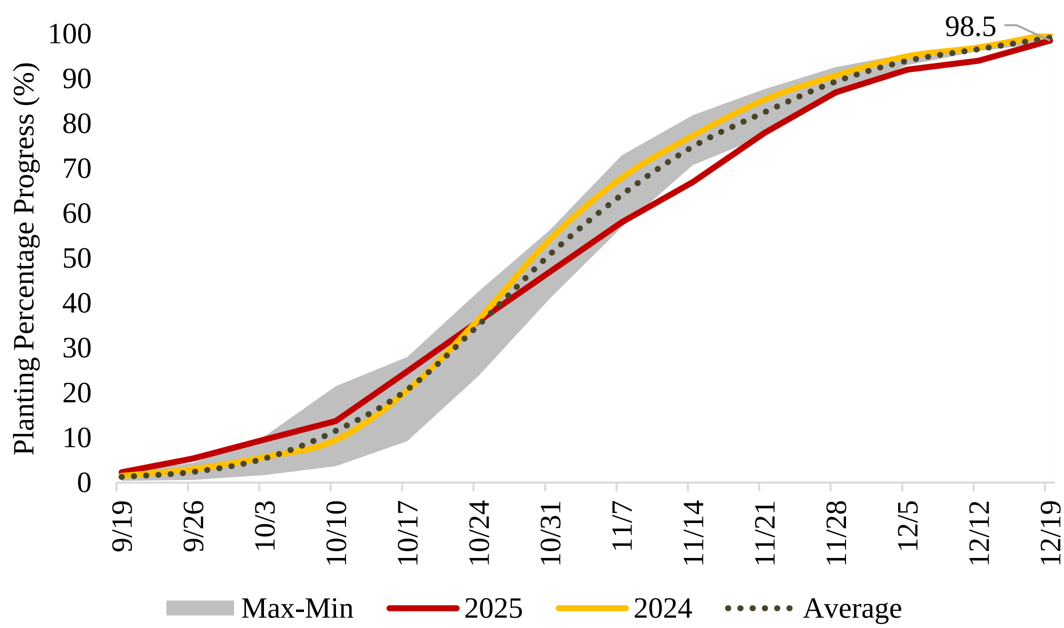
MY2025/26 Planting Progress

Despite a strong start in the initial stages of the sowing season, irregular rainfall in November disrupted planting activities in key producing states, particularly in the Central and Southern regions. This led to delays in planting progress and required replanting in several affected areas, causing soybean planting progress in Brazil to fall to its lowest level for this period compared to historical averages.

More recently, planting activities have regained momentum and advanced significantly across the country, with little to no interruption in fieldwork reported during the final stages of the sowing season. As a result, planting reached nearly 98.5 percent of the total projected planted area as of the second half of December, with planting already completed in Mato Grosso, Paraná, Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, São Paulo, Bahia, Tocantins, and most other regions.

Figure 1

Brazil Soybean Sowing Progress (MY 2025/26)



Source: Instituto Mato-Grossense de Economia Agropecuária (IMEA) and Post Brasilia (Office of Agricultural Affairs – OAA).

Although planting activities are nearing completion nationwide, work in certain regions of states such as Pará and Maranhão is expected to continue until mid-March.

Ongoing irregular rainfall has affected planting in Rio Grande do Sul, causing water stress after a favorable start; however, overall planting is not expected to be significantly impacted, with the state projected to complete its total planting by the end of December.

Area, Production & Yield

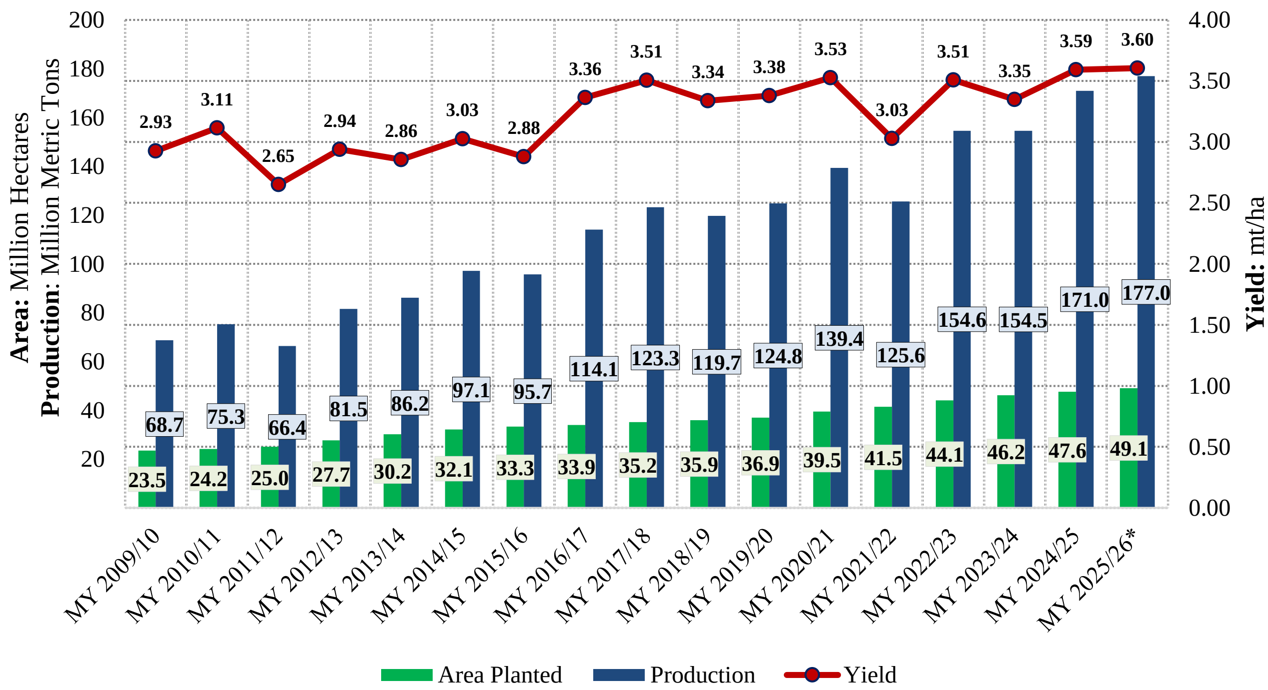
Post maintains the initial Marketing Year (MY) 2025/26 soybean area forecast at 49.1 million hectares (ha), up 3.1 percent year over year, with most of the area expansion expected to occur in the states of Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Goiás, Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, and the MATOPIBA region (Maranhão, Tocantins, Piauí, and Bahia).

The expansion in total planted area is driven by multiple factors, including the implementation of the new B15 biofuel mandate, which increases demand for soybeans for processing; a potential end or greater flexibility in the Soy Moratorium, which would reduce restrictions on certain areas; and the recent rise in international demand for Brazilian soybeans, particularly from the PRC.

This expansion is expected to result in an estimated production of 177 million metric tons (MMT), representing a 3.2 percent increase compared to MY 2024/25 and signaling the potential for a new record crop.

Figure 2

Evolution of Soybean Area, Production and Yield in Brazil (MY 2009/10 – MY 2025/26)*



Source: FAS. Chart generated by Post Brasilia (Office of Agricultural Affairs – OAA). Note: Data for the latest MY, marked with (*), considers Post's estimates and forecasts.

While some key soybean-producing states, such as Rio Grande do Sul and Paraná, experienced inconsistent climate conditions that caused significant delays in planting, other major producing areas—including Goiás, Mato Grosso, and specific regions in the MATOPIBA area—were able to complete sowing on time, supporting overall national planting performance during the final stages of the season.

Post anticipates that the earlier planting delays will have little to no impact on overall crop performance or estimated productivity, keeping the national average yield forecast for MY 2025/26 at 3.60 mt/ha.

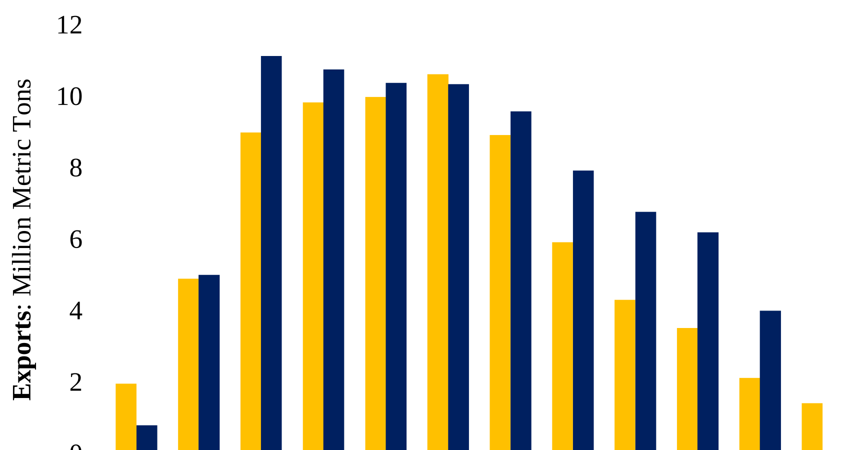
Trade

According to data from the Brazilian Department of Foreign Trade (Secex), Brazil exported nearly 105 MMT of soybeans between January and November 2025, representing an 8.3 percent increase compared to the same period in 2024.

Post estimates that by the end of MY 2024/25, Brazil will have exported approximately 109 MMT of soybeans, a 10.3 percent increase compared to the previous season. Most of this export growth has been directed to the PRC, where shipments from Brazil between January and November have already risen 16.5 percent compared to the same period in 2024.

Figure 3

Brazil Soybeans Exports to China | 2024 – 2025 Comparison



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2024	2.0	4.9	9.0	9.8	10.0	10.6	8.9	5.9	4.3	3.5	2.1	1.4
2025	0.8	5.0	11.1	10.8	10.4	10.3	9.6	7.9	6.8	6.2	4.0	

Source: SECEX - Trade Data Monitor (TDM) | Chart generated by Post Brasilia (Office of Agricultural Affairs – OAA).

Late in November, the Brazilian government reported that Chinese authorities suspended exports from five Brazilian soybean-exporting units after detecting sanitary and contamination issues in an embargoed shipment of 69,000 tons destined for the PRC. The shipment included pesticide-treated wheat mixed with the cargo, a product Brazil is not authorized to export to China, which was also contaminated with a pesticide considered toxic for consumption.

Although authorities classified this as a serious violation of Chinese food safety regulations, similar suspensions have occurred in the past and have had little to no impact on overall soybean trade. After further analysis, suspensions are typically lifted, and trade resumes as normal.

To put this incident in perspective, the embargoed shipment represents less than 0.08 percent of total Brazilian soybean exports to the PRC so far in 2025. Furthermore, the measure affects only a small number of plants out of more than 2,000 authorized to export soybeans to China.

Brazil Soybeans Exports Set for a New Record Amid International Trade & Sustainability Disputes

Post forecasts Brazil's soybean exports to reach 113 MMT in MY 2025/26, representing a 3.7 percent increase compared to the MY 2024/25 estimate.

The potential implementation of a free trade agreement between Mercosur, the bloc comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay, and the European Union could stimulate even stronger growth in Brazilian product exports. However, ongoing judicial disputes related to environmental issues, such as the future of the Soy Moratorium, could damage Brazil's soybean production reputation and hinder the projected export growth of the commodity, particularly to the European Union.

Nonetheless, much of the anticipated increase in soybean exports is expected to continue being driven by Brazil's strong trade relations with the PRC and current global trade dynamics involving the United States.

Further details on how Brazil has consolidated its position as the leading supplier of soybeans to the PRC can be found in the following GAIN report: Assessment of Soy China Initiative in Brazil.

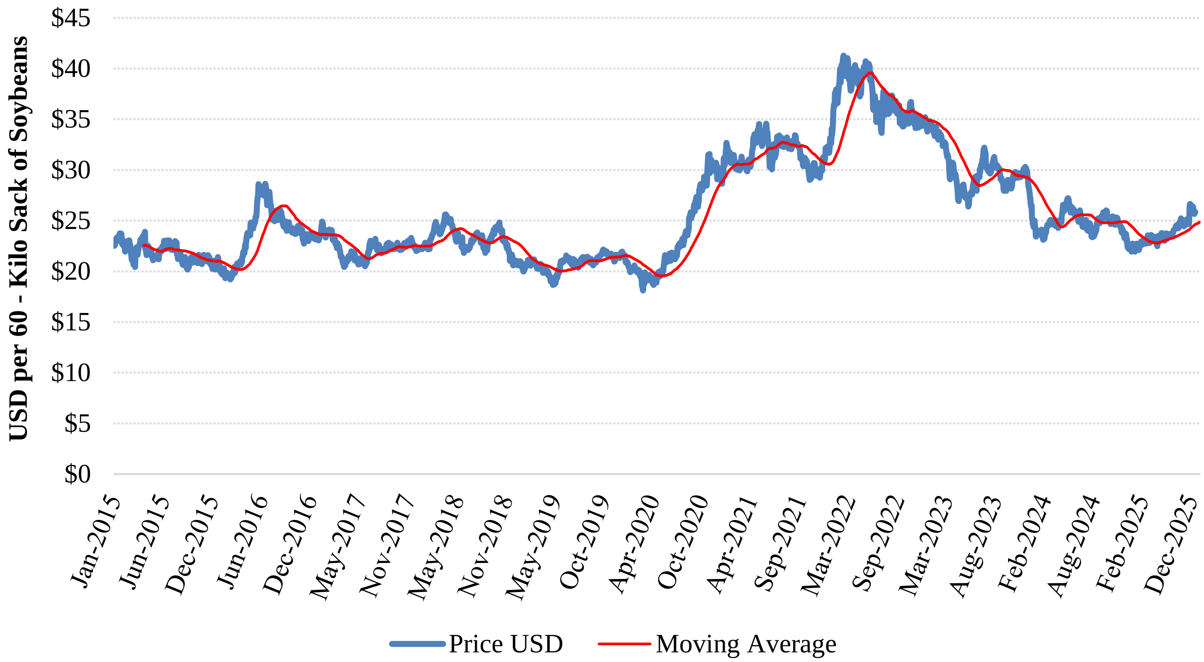
Prices

Throughout 2025, soybean prices in Brazil experienced stable fluctuations with an overall upward trend, averaging around USD 24.80 per 60-kg sack at the port of Paranaguá.

Following slight price increases in November, when the monthly average reached USD 26.31 per 60-kg sack, soybean prices began to slightly decline again in December, falling to USD 25.56 per 60-kg sack. This decline is primarily driven by seasonal demand levels and market expectations for next year's crop.

Figure 4

Soybean Prices at the Port of Paranaguá in 2015-2025



Source: CEPEA data | Chart generated by Post Brasilia (Office of Agricultural Affairs – OAA).

Processed Products Consumption & Trade

Soybean Oil

Post maintains Brazil's soybean oil production forecast for MY 2025/26 at 12.3 MMT, representing a 4.1 percent increase compared to MY 2024/25, for which Post maintains an estimate of 11.8 MMT.

The projected increase in production for MY 2025/26 is primarily driven by the recent rise in the mandatory biodiesel blend from B14 to B15, which took effect in August 2025, with a potential further increase to B16 in March 2026. This shift is expected to boost domestic demand for soybean oil, generating optimism among producers and processors.

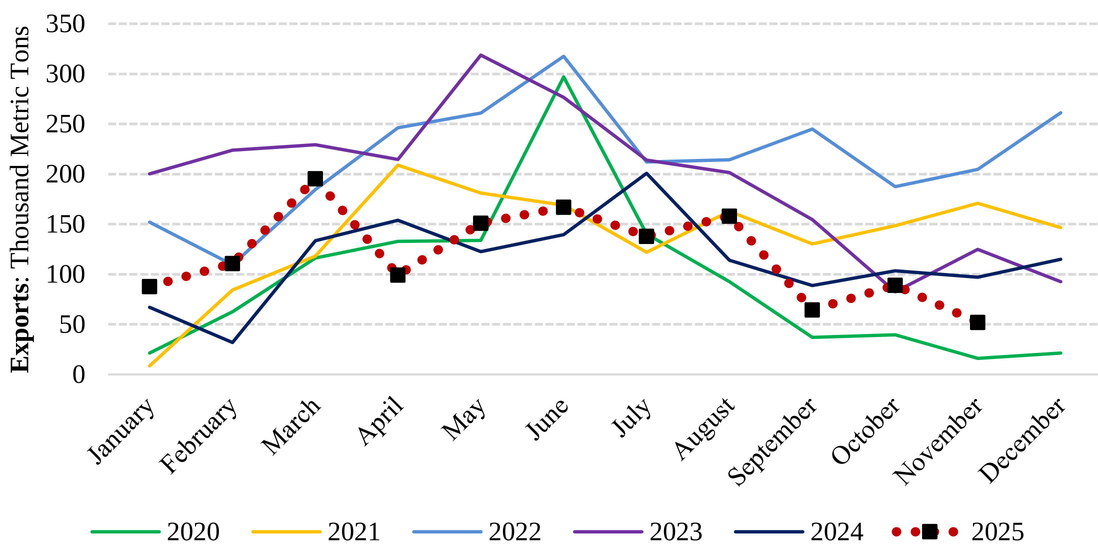
Soybean oil accounts for approximately 75 percent of Brazil's biodiesel production. According to Post contacts in the sector, the new B15 mandate is expected to result in over 7 MMT of soybean oil being processed for biodiesel—a 9.3 percent increase compared to soybean oil consumption for this segment in 2024.

Although November recorded the lowest level of soybean oil exports for the year, Brazil has already exported more than 1.3 MMT of soybean oil between January and November 2025, nearly a five percent increase compared to the same period in 2024. India remains the main destination for Brazilian soybean oil, accounting for over 68 percent of total exports so far in 2025.

Post forecasts Brazil's total soybean oil exports to reach 1.5 MMT during MY 2025/26, representing a more than 15 percent increase compared to the current year. This growth is mainly attributed to the projected increase in demand from India, which is expected to raise its soybean oil imports by nearly 10 percent in 2026.

Figure 5

Monthly Brazilian Soy Oil Exports (January 2020 – September 2025)



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Soybean Meal

Soybean meal values in Brazil have partially recovered from the losses accumulated earlier in the year. According to researchers from the Center for Advanced Studies on Applied Economics (Cepea), this recovery is mainly driven by the need for regional poultry and pork producers to rebuild inventories, and further supported by limited availability in the domestic spot market, as most crushing plants have already concluded operations for 2025.

As a result, Cepea data indicate that domestic soybean meal prices reached their highest levels since April across most monitored regions. The Mato Grosso Institute of Agricultural Economics (IMEA) reported an average price of USD 259.50 per ton of soybean meal in Mato Grosso during the second half of December.

For MY 2025/26, Brazil's soybean crush is projected to yield 46.1 MMT of soybean meal. With biodiesel producers expected to consume at least an additional 600,000 metric tons of soybean oil due to the new mandate, crushing plants are anticipated to process up to two million additional tons of soybeans, potentially generating an extra 1.4 MMT of soybean meal.

Post anticipated that more than 52 percent of Brazil's total soybean meal production during MY 2025/26 will be destined for exports, totaling 24 MMT in exports.

In 2024, Brazil exported more than 23.1 MMT of soybean meal, with 21.1 MMT exported between January and November. In 2025, exports have already exceeded 21.3 MMT, and it's estimated that by the end of December exports will have totaled over 23.4 MMT, with Indonesia remaining the leading destination, followed by Thailand and Europe, consistent with historical trade patterns.

Oilseed, Soybean (Local)	2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
Market Year Begins	**Jan 2024**		**Jan 2025**		**Jan 2026**	
Brazil	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**
Area Planted (1000 HA)	46150	46150	47400	47600	48900	49100
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	46150	46150	47400	47600	48800	49100
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	7945	7945	4837	4837	6237	6237
Production (1000 MT)	154500	154500	171500	171500	175000	177000
MY Imports (1000 MT)	821	821	1000	1000	350	400
Total Supply (1000 MT)	163266	163266	177337	177337	181587	183637
MY Exports (1000 MT)	98818	98818	109000	109000	112500	113000
Crush (1000 MT)	55811	55811	58000	58000	59000	60000
Food Use Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	3800	3800	4100	4100	4200	4200
Total Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	59611	59611	62100	62100	63200	64200
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	4837	4837	6237	6237	5887	6437
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	163266	163266	177337	177337	181587	183637
Yield (MT/HA)	3.3478	3.3478	3.6181	3.6029	3.5861	3.6049
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)						
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Oil, Soybean (Local)	2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
Market Year Begins	**Jan 2024**		**Jan 2025**		**Jan 2026**	
Brazil	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**
Crush (1000 MT)	55811	55811	58000	58000	59000	60000
Extr. Rate, 999.9999 (PERCENT)	0.2032	0.2032	0.2039	0.2034	0.2039	0.205
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	603	603	476	476	512	500
Production (1000 MT)	11341	11341	11826	11800	12030	12300
MY Imports (1000 MT)	99	99	95	95	25	90
Total Supply (1000 MT)	12043	12043	12397	12371	12567	12890
MY Exports (1000 MT)	1367	1367	1525	1400	1600	1500
Industrial Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	6200	6200	6350	6400	6400	7000
Food Use Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	4000	4000	4010	4071	4050	4000
Feed Waste Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	10200	10200	10360	10471	10450	11000
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	476	476	512	500	517	390
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	12043	12043	12397	12371	12567	12890
(1000 MT) ,(PERCENT)						
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Meal, Soybean (Local)	2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
Market Year Begins	**Jan 2024**		**Jan 2025**		**Jan 2026**	
Brazil	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**	**USDA Official**	**New Post**
Crush (1000 MT)	55811	55811	58000	58000	59000	60000
Extr. Rate, 999.9999 (PERCENT)	0.7644	0.7644	0.7632	0.77	0.772	0.7683
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	3360	3360	2903	2903	3479	3673
Production (1000 MT)	42660	42660	44266	44660	45548	46100
MY Imports (1000 MT)	17	17	10	10	10	5
Total Supply (1000 MT)	46037	46037	47179	47573	49037	49778
MY Exports (1000 MT)	23134	23134	23400	23400	24000	24000
Industrial Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	20000	20000	20300	20500	21300	22000
Total Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	20000	20000	20300	20500	21300	22000
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	2903	2903	3479	3673	3737	3778
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	46037	46037	47179	47573	49037	49778
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