

WHY #FEEDSOY?

- Soybean meal provides a complete nutritional package for livestock producers, combining high-quality protein, amino acids, and energy values not found in the same ratios in other feedstuffs
- The US Soy industry is working to genetically enhance soybean varieties to better serve livestock producers and the nutritional needs of their livestock, and improve the overall performance of livestock
- US beef producers currently feed 1.3 million tons of soybean meal a year (approx. 55 million bu.)



QUALITY IS KEY

Livestock generally performs better on US soybeans compared to foreign sourced beans

80%

of a soybean is made up of meal

97%

of US soy meal goes to animal feed

3%

of US meal goes to consumer products

SOYMEAL FOR BEEF CATTLE NUTRITION



Mature cattle can handle a diet of **6%** whole soybeans, while still maturing cattle should be fed a lighter **4%** or less

- Cattle producers can feed in a variety of ways including as whole soybeans, in pellet form, or as meal
- Soybeans are a natural source of fiber that helps offset cattle's hay consumption
- Soybean straw after harvest can also be used to stretch stored forage supplies by blending with hay
- US Soybeans are a high-quality, wholesome and domestic protein source
- Locally produced soybeans are a safe and reliable feed source as the risk of foreign animal disease has grown in recent years