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## **Fodder soy with greatly improved ecological footprint**

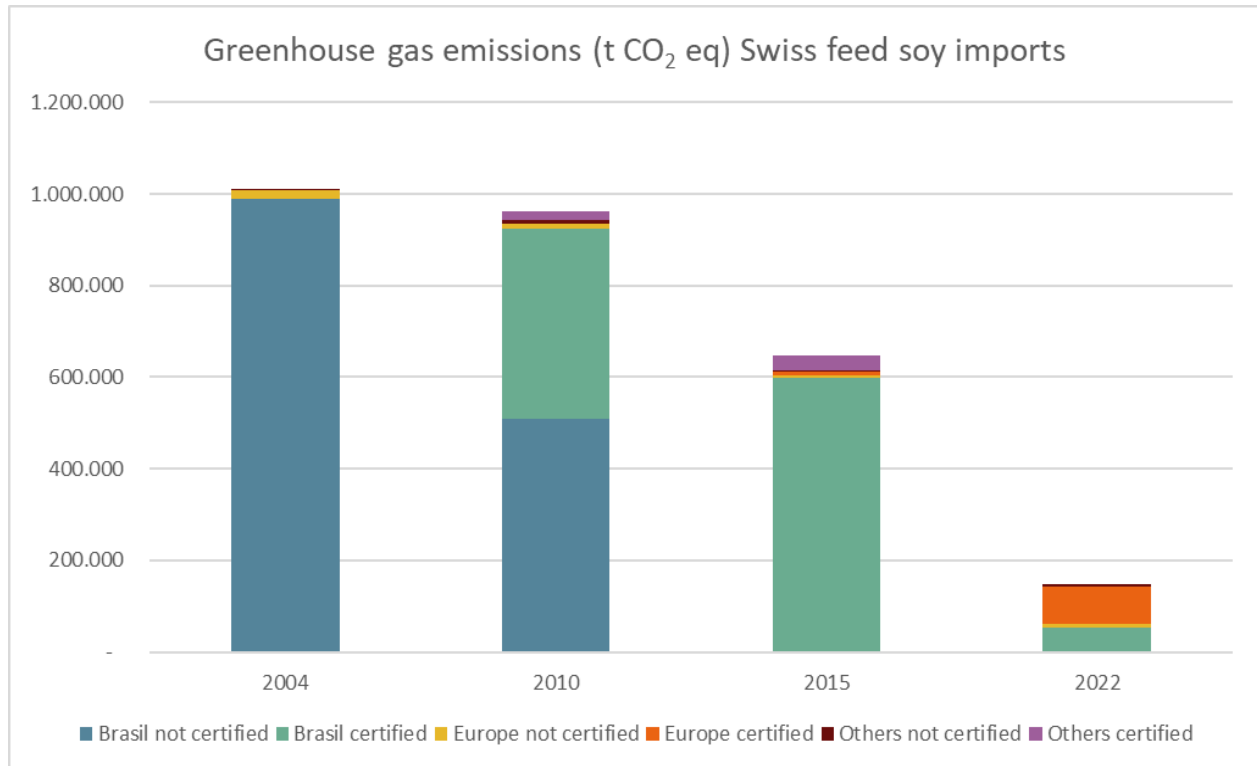
**As current calculations show, the annual GHG emissions resulting from the cultivation and transport of feed soy have been gradually reduced by 85% since the base year 2004 until today. This reduction is another milestone in the commitment of the Soy Network Switzerland.**

Away from deforestation, much more Europe, more good agricultural practices, and now the proven reduction of GHG: according to President Salome Hofer, the industry, which is virtually fully represented in the Soy Network, "has not yet achieved all its goals, but continues to be determined."

Switzerland launched standards for deforestation-free soy cultivation in 2004. In 2010, the Soy Network was established. At that time, 58% of certified soy was imported from Brazil. This share increased to over 90% by 2015. Since then, imports from Brazil have steadily decreased. In 2022, 92.3% of feed soy comes from Europe and 7.4% from Brazil. At least 95.9% of the 269,400 tons of soy imports are certified. Thus, the ecological footprint of soy imports has been significantly reduced.

The current calculations show: Developments towards certified feed soy and European origin have gradually reduced the greenhouse gas emissions associated with Swiss soy imports from 1,010,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents in the base year 2004 by approximately 85% to 147,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents in 2022 (see following graph).

Graphic: Development of greenhouse gas emissions 2004 - 2022



Source: Soy Network Switzerland

Calculation bases and further information on this as well as the current annual report can be found under the following link: [www.sojanetzwerk.ch](http://www.sojanetzwerk.ch)

**The Soy Network** is committed to responsible cultivation and sustainable sourcing of feed soy and other feed components. Under its own responsibility, the industry ensures imports at sustainable levels, reduces dependence on Brazil and relies on suppliers in Europe. The **33 members** represent the value chains of the Swiss agriculture and food industry:

**13 Procurers, Mills:** Aachtal Futter, Agrokommerz, Agrokorn, Cerador, Egli Mühlen, fenaco, Granovit, Heinz&Co., Kunz Kunath, Meliofeed, Nungesser, UFA, Weber&Hermann.

**6 Retailers:** ALDI SUISSE, Coop, Denner, Lidl Switzerland, Migros, Volg

**4 Brand manufacturers, catering wholesalers:** Bell, Emmi, Ernst Sutter, Transgourmet Switzerland

**7 Label/environment/farm organizations:** Bio Suisse, GalloSuisse, IP-SUISSE, Swiss Farmers' Union, Swiss Milk Producers, Suisseporcs, WWF Switzerland

**3 Industry associations:** Milk Industry Organization, Association of the Swiss Grain and Feed Trade, Association of Swiss Feed Manufacturers

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