

Background

Origin

Soyabeans are native to East Asia, but are now widely grown for the edible bean which has a number of uses.

Characteristics

Soyabean oil is said to have a greenish-yellow colour, and is almost odourless

Application & Use

Culinary uses

Body, skin and hair products

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- Salad dressings
- Bread
- Margarine
- Mayonnaise

Other

Crayon and paints

Soyabean Oil Glycine Soja Oil

Grades: GMO RD/IP RD/Organic Refined Pack Size: 5kg/25kg/200kg

Soyabeans were a crucial crop in Eastern Asia long before written records. The plants would be ploughed under to clear the field of food crops. Soy was first introduced to Europe in the early 18th century and to the British colonies in North America in 1765, where it was first grown for hay. Soyabeans did not become an important crop outside of Asia until about 1910. In America, Soy was considered an industrial product only, and was not used as a food prior to the 1920's. Soy was introduced to Africa from China in the late 19th century, and is now widespread across the continent.

Benefits

Soyabean Oil is said to be high in fibre, high in protein, low in saturated fat, cholesterol-free, lactose-free, a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, and high in phytoestrogens. The addition of soy rich foods is said to be helpful to lower certain blood fats, improve vascular function and help control blood pressure. A daily soy intake of between 2 and 3 servings of soy foods claims to help reduce premenopausal symptoms. It also claims to help prevent breast cancer, but soy foods should be eaten starting during childhood or adolescence.



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