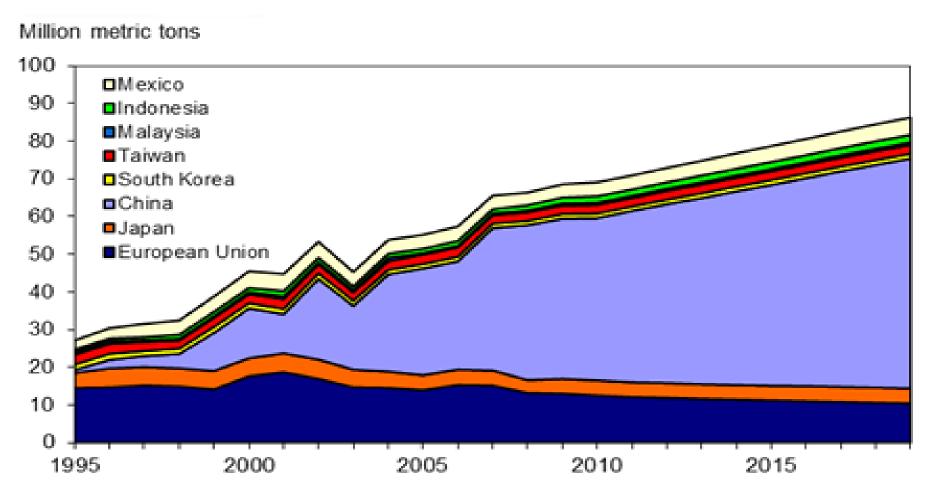
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### **EU Demand for US Soy**

Major soybean importers



Source: USDA Agricultural Projections to 2019, February 2010. USDA, Economic Research Service.

#### Sustainability Certifications in the EU









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#### Sustainability Extends Beyond Europe







Japan

Korea

Thailand



## Our Competitors Are Tackling Sustainability

- No till certifications
- Conservation standards
- Promoting national and local regulations as meeting sustainability criteria







### US Soybean Sustainability Assurance Protocol

- Conservation regulations
- Best practices
- Voluntary conservation programs
- Monitoring and reporting sustainability performance

#### U.S. SOYBEAN SUSTAINABILITY ASSURANCE PROTOCOL

A Sustainability System That Delivers
MARCH 2013



### Engaging with the Value Chain



- 160,000 acres of soybeans sustainably sourced by Unilever, using the U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol
- More than 10% of Unilever's total demand
- Goal of 100% by 2020

### Sustainable Sourcing Is Gaining Momentum

- The move toward sustainability criteria in food, feed and industrial products will only gain more speed
- The trend can be either a barrier to market access or an opportunity to differentiate a product with high sustainability performance
- The key for production agriculture is collaboration –
  working with researchers, buyers, even NGOs to
  create programs that place no burden on producers,
  but generate confidence that sustainability criteria
  are being met

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