



HARVEST UPDATE

Large Seeded Food Grade Soybeans

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It seems the larger the bean, the easier it is to damage a bean's seed coat at harvest. We've seen increased rates of Cracked Seed Coat (CSC) damage with our larger seeded, high protein soybeans in the past. In previous crop years, our end-users have indicated to us that some lots of larger seeded soybeans were too high in CSC for the manufacturing of premium tofu. Please monitor CSC closely at harvest.

Harvesting Specialty Soybeans

Combines, transportation and handling equipment must be completely flushed of any contaminated products. Harvesting at moistures in the range of 12% to 15% will greatly reduce mechanical damage such as splits and cracked seed coats. Fine tuning your combine by slowing the cylinder and opening the concaves will reduce this potential problem. Check bean samples regularly as moisture changes in the beans during the day.