

## HIGH-QUALITY, SUSTAINABLE OHIO SOYBEAN INDUSTRY

#### **CHAD WARNER**

Ohio Soybean Farmer

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#### My farm

- Farming for 29 years
- 4th generation farmer
- Farm with Dad and sons
- 1,800 acres
- Soybeans and corn
- 9 years Identity Preserved soybeans
  - 4 years IP Corn
- Passionate about international markets, sustainability and nutrition.









On-farm sustainability practices

- 100% no-till operation
- Farmers for Soil Health
- Variable rate technology
- Crop rotation
- Grass waterways
- Filter strips
- Precision agriculture



### **Ohio Soybean Industry**

- Soybeans are Ohio's #1 cash crop and #1 export crop
- Ohio is the 5th largest soybean producing state
- There are about **25,000** soybean farmers in Ohio
- About 60% of the soybean crop is exported
- 2023 Production:
  - Production = 274.3 million bushels (7.5 million metric tons)
  - Yield = 58 bushels/acre





### **Ohio Soybean Industry**

- Ohio's percentage of food grade/non-gmo production ranges from 6-12%.
  - In 2023, about 285,000 acres of non-GMO soybeans were planted in Ohio.
- Ohio is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of containerized soybeans, accounting for nearly ¼ of U.S. containerized soybean exports.
- Ohio rail: 4<sup>th</sup> most extensive network in US.
- The Ohio River system transports millions of tons of grain from Ohio to the Mississippi River to the Port of New Orleans.





# Thank you!

Questions?