

Canada boosts competitiveness of soya beans

The Canadian government will invest C\$225 000 (R2,2 million) in its agriculture department's scientists to work with the Canadian Soybean Exporters' Association to help boost the global competitiveness of food-grade soya beans, according to a statement from the department.

"Soya beans are a rapidly expanding crop in Canada and a key crop in Essex County," said Jeff Watson, the member of parliament for Essex County.

"This investment will help ensure the long-term prosperity of the sector."

Soya beans are currently the fourth-largest crop by land planted and return C\$2,4 billion (R23 billion) to Canadian farmers, according to Soy Canada. – *Staff reporter*