

Seminar

„SOYBEANS AND INDUSTRIAL HEMP – STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABLE CROPS FOR LITHUANIAN AGRICULTURE AND THE ECONOMY“

The seminar is dedicated to discussing the role of soybeans (*Glycine max*) and industrial hemp (*Cannabis sativa* L.)—strategic and sustainable crops—in Lithuanian agriculture and the economy. In order to reduce the dependence of the European Union and Lithuania on imported protein raw materials, the cultivation of these crops is becoming an important alternative that contributes to strengthening domestic protein production, farm competitiveness, and sustainability. In addition, the inclusion of industrial hemp and especially soybeans in crop rotations improves soil fertility and reduces the need for mineral fertilisers. The event will also present the results of field trials conducted in 2025 across different regions of Lithuania, highlighting differences among the observed soybean and industrial hemp varieties and evaluating their suitability for growth under Lithuanian agroclimatic conditions.