

# Glycine max

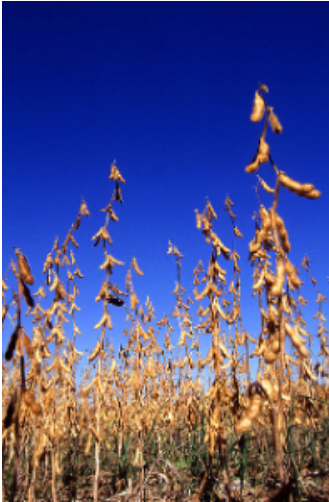


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**Scientific name:** *Glycine max*

**Common name(s):** Soybean

**Name as shown in Phylogenies:** Soybean

**Ploidy:** Diploid

**Description:**

*Glycine max*, commonly known as soybean, is one of the top ten global crops. It originated in Southeast Asia and is now a major crop in the Americas and China. Soybean seeds are rich in protein and oils and it is a significant plant based protein food source.

Soybean is a member of the Leguminosae and is able to fix atmospheric nitrogen into the soil. It has an ancient polyploid and has a large genome with many of the genes clustered at the chromosome ends.

**Reference(s):**

1. Schmutz J, et al. Genome sequence of the palaeopolyploid soybean. *Nature*. 2010 Jan 14;463(7278):178-83. doi: 10.1038/nature08670. Erratum in: *Nature*. 2010 May 6;465(7294):120. doi: [10.1038/nature08670](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature08670)

**Genome Database(s):**

[SoyBase](#)

[Legume Information System](#)