

# SOYBEAN VOCABULARY



<b>SEED COAT</b>	outside cover that protects the seed
<b>HILUM</b>	brown spot; allows water into the seed coat
<b>COTYLEDON</b>	the first food source for the soybean and will become the first pair of leaves
<b>LEGUME</b>	a type of plant that “fixes” - or puts in - Nitrogen in the soil
<b>EMBRYO</b>	part of the seed that develops into a new plant, including the stems, leaves, and roots
<b>TAP ROOT</b>	the main root of the plant, which smaller roots branch out of
<b>LATERAL ROOTS</b>	roots that extend from the tap root and absorb water and nutrients from the soil
<b>BIODIESEL</b>	a renewable fuel made from biological sources like soybeans
<b>COMMODITY</b>	a raw material or primary agricultural product that can be bought and sold
<b>RENEWABLE RESOURCE</b>	a resource that is replenished naturally over time
<b>BIOPLASTIC</b>	a plastic made from biological materials like plants. Bioplastics are fully decomposable



Knowing the proper words and their definitions allows us to communicate more clearly about a topic! Use these vocabulary terms when discussing this topic.