Soybean life-cycle cards

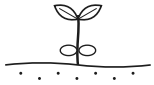
Eight growth stages from emergence (VE) to full maturity (R8).



VE

Emergence

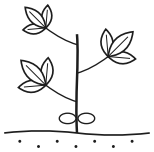
The hook-shaped stem pulls the seed leaves up through the soil.



VC

Unifoliate

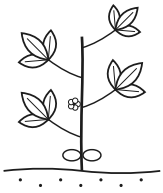
Two simple leaves unfold above the round seed leaves.



V3

Third trifoliate

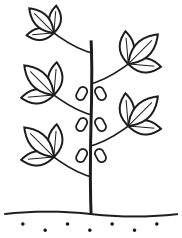
Leaves now come in sets of three. Roots grow nodules.



R1

Beginning bloom

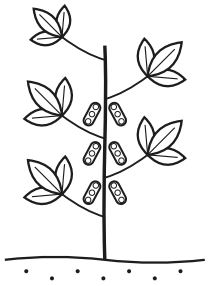
A small white or purple flower opens on the stem.



R3

Beginning pod

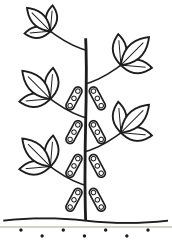
Tiny pods appear where the flowers were.



R5

Beginning seed

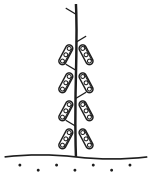
Seeds start to fill inside the pods.



R6

Full seed

Green pods are plump. This is edamame time!



R8

Full maturity

Leaves drop and pods turn tan. Beans are dry and ready.

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