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A soybean protein beverage having an excellent taste and mouthfeel and high storage stability with preventing formation of a precipitate at a weak acidic region as well as its production process are shown. Said beverage utilizes as its protein source low-phytic acid  $\beta$ -conglycinin obtained by fractionating and purifying  $\beta$ -conglycinin which is a soybean protein fraction and further decomposing and removing phytic acid bound to the resultant  $\beta$ -conglycinin to increase the solubility at a weak acidic region.

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