Grains for Hope

The Sabetha, KS based non-profit Grains for Hope recently worked with the K-State extrusion lab in the Department of Grain Science and Industry to produce several tons of quick cooking, micronutrient fortified extruded 'rice' product for shipment as food aid to Port au Prince, Haiti. Trenton Huber is a student representative for Grains for Hope. He, along with mentors Gordon Huber (XIM Group) and Kaleb Beyer (Wenger Manufacturing), were at BIVAP on February 19th for the processing of these products.

The extrusion lab donated a significant portion of it's time and resources for this important cause. The lab has also partnered closely with Grains for Hope in the past several years to produce similar products for food aid to Mozambique. Extrusion lab operations manager, Eric Maichel, coordinated the processing activity. Trevor Huppert, Freshman in Food Science & Industry, who is an alum of Sabetha High School and remains active in Grains for Hope and Austin Bosse, Senior, Baking Science & Management, also helped with the production.

Dr. Don Boggs, Interim Dean and Director for the College of Ag stated, "This is another fantastic example of K-State fulfilling its land grant mission of engagement and service".

The product is made with wheat & corn, but resembles rice kernels to make it more culturally acceptable to the Haitians. The finished product hydrates when mixed with water and is ready to eat in about 5 minutes.

The three tons of 'rice' product, along with a similar quantity of quick cooking extruded 'entil' product made from soybeans, wheat and pinto beans at Wenger Manufacturing, will be packaged in Sabetha and is scheduled to reach Port au Prince by mid-March through another organization in Illinois that is engaged in sending relief materials to Haiti.

More information on Grains for Hope is available at www.grainsforhope.org and on the K-State extrusion lab at http://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=110322098... 3/23/2010
www.grains.ksu.edu/extrusion.

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