Managing Mill Balance and Control Course Planned for June

Kansas State University’s IGP Institute to hold newly designed training to enhance millers’ knowledge.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Millers wanting to gain a better understanding of the milling process and how their own job fits into milling operations are encouraged to attend the IGP Institute’s Managing Mill Balance and Control course. The course will be held June 2-5, 2015 at the IGP Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas. This is the second year the newly designed course will be held.

“The course is focused on the milling principles applied to setting and balancing the break system to optimize flour extraction,” says Mark Fowler, IGP associate director and course coordinator. “Maintaining the mass balance of products flowing through the mill is a critical part of optimizing mill performance.”

The course covers topics including measuring break extraction, optimizing break release and product distribution for different classes of wheat and the impact of wheat quality on extraction. It provides students with more information about the milling process and how employees impact it.

The training is designed for milling engineers, operation managers, production managers and shift managers. Practical work experience in a flour mill is required to take the course.

Participant John Underhill from the 2014 course says going over the introductory information of milling was beneficial.

“I don’t actually mill on a daily basis, but I oversee those who do,” Underhill says. “So having a better understanding of what they’re required to do helps me out on my daily job.”

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will receive continuing education credits that may be used toward a specialist certificate through the GEAPS-KSU Grain Processing Management credential.

This is just one example of the trainings offered through IGP Institute. In addition to grain processing and flour milling, IGP offers courses in the areas of grain marketing and risk management, andfeed manufacturing and grain quality management. To register, visit www.igpevents.grains.ksu.edu. For more information visit the IGP website at www.grains.k-state.edu/igp.

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