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RAPCO Feed Manufacturing Training Held

Kansas State University’s IGP Institute partners with USSEC to host individuals for RAPCO Feed Manufacturing course.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Thirty participants traveled to IGP Institute on Nov. 3-6, to learn more about feed manufacturing. Kansas State University’s IGP Institute teamed up with USSEC to hold the RAPCO Feed Manufacturing course.

“The IGP-KSU partnership with USSEC continues the technical program under RAPCO that helps Latin Americans who import U.S. soybeans and soybean meal to better understand and utilize its nutritional benefits,” says Carlos Campabadal, course coordinator and feed manufacturing and grain quality management curriculum manager. “It also helps them to understand how to improve their feed operations.”

Course participants learned new techniques and updated their knowledge in feed manufacturing. Participants learned about ingredient and soybean meal quality, feed storage, feed safety programs, pelleting, extrusion processing, and feed mill design and material handling.

Participants had the opportunity to learn from USSEC representatives along with IGP faculty and Kansas State professors. In addition to presentation-style learning, participants toured the KSU O.H. Kruse Feed Mill to gain a better understanding of feed manufacturing and plant operations.

Course participant, Arlette Soria is an animal production specialist at Trouw Nutrition México and says she attended the course to learn more about manufacturing and to better communicate to the people she works with.

“As a leader, I want them to not only see the nutritional part, but the commercial and manufacturing part. I also want to get them to have a comprehensive and basic perspective of manufacturing,” Soria says.

Course participants took an online class prior to taking the course to have a basic understanding before attending. Among the participants, most agreed that the online portion prior to the course was beneficial.

“I’m a nutritionist, so knowing about pipes and metal is not my thing,” Soria says. “Having an introduction so all of us were on the same, basic level made it easier to follow the presentation.”

This is just one example of the specialized trainings offered by IGP Institute. In addition, IGP faculty also lead courses in grain marketing and risk management, and flour milling and grain processing. To learn more about IGP, visit the website at www.grains.ksu.edu/igp.