Industry Professionals Attend Course on Milling Techniques

Buhler, Inc. and IGP Institute coordinate to teach variety of milling production individuals.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Participants from nationwide corporations, small 200-year-old mills, and international milling industries traveled alike to the IGP Institute Conference Center June 13-17, 2016 to attend the Buhler-KSU Executive Milling course. Buhler, Inc., and IGP Institute professionals taught 16 industry personnel a variety of milling techniques through classroom lectures and hands-on demonstrations.

Topics covered during the course included in-depth analysis of flow sheet diagrams and the milling process, which included optimum machine adjustment and mill handling. Exercises in the KSU Hal Ross Flour Mill gave participants an opportunity to see the lectures applied firsthand. Tempering of wheat, comparison of special cleaning systems, techniques for bacteria count reduction and flow sheet technology were also discussed.

Course participant Kyle Gifford, finance professional at Birkett Mills in Penn Yan, New York, attended the course for education on the entire milling process. Not working directly in production, he wanted a better insight into industry.

“I enjoyed interacting with different people during the course. It has been a great experience to talk to other people about their experience including hearing the challenges they have and solutions they’ve come up with,” Gifford says. “I’ve had a great experience and I am looking forward to attending another course.”

Jason Watt, Buhler Instructor of Milling and course manager, also agrees the interaction between participants is valuable. He says they not only learn from the instructor, but also from each other.

“It is a lot of fun to watch participants engage in deep discussions with each other about current issues and problems. They shared their experiences and asked thought provoking questions that triggered questions from the domestic participants,” says Watt. “It was good for everyone to hear how milling was different, but also the same, in different countries.”

This is just one example of the partnership trainings offered by the IGP Institute. Along with trainings in grain processing and flour milling, the IGP Institute also offers courses in grain marketing and risk management, and feed manufacturing and grain quality management. For more information about upcoming courses visit the IGP website at www.grains.k-state.edu/igp.

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