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July Participant Numbers

On-site 0
Distance 28
On Demand 28

Note: The IGP Institute and the Department of Grain Science and Industry will resume on-campus operations on August 3, 2020. We will be operating under the university reopening guidelines which require masks and social distancing measures. Please visit our website at https://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp/ for updates and additional course information.
June Trainings and Activities

- Presentation on “Wheat By-product Uses” to Colombia Millers Association via Zoom for US Wheat Associates – 63 participants
- Met with Kansas Wheat Commission new board members
- Presentation on Grain and Feed Ingredient Storage and Handling in behalf of US Grains Council at AMEPA (Mexican Association of Feed Producers) – Impact 100 participants
- Provide technical assistance to Sukarne (largest Mexican feedlot company) in steam flaking and grain cleaning – 50 participants
- Meetings with USSEC as part of the Soybean Excellence Centers Task Force
- Meetings with MKC for potential projects
- Met with Kansas Corn Commission to discuss future activities and projects
- Meeting with WISHH for potential work
- Presented Notes and Observations in International Commodity Markets. A weekly/fortnightly set of headline articles of events impacting the international grain and oilseed markets
- Webinar Presentation for US Grains Council International Staff “Changes in the International Trade Matrix and US Exports of Corn, with a specific focus on Chain” – 28 participants plus USGC internal distribution
- KSU Agriculture Today, with Eric Atkinson – Podcast: USDA June International Markets and Trade Highlights: Special In-Depth Report: U.S. Corn Exports
- Attended board meeting with Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission and National Grain Sorghum Check Off, with related teams. Presented on “Global Grain Sorghum Supply and Demand and Trade Outlook” – 35 participants