

STAKEHOLDER NEWS



IGP Institute



IGP Institute instructors, department faculty and staff, and volunteers from partner organizations help distribute the 1,500 bags of flour in front of the Hal Ross Flour Mill on June 18, 2020.

IGP Institute and department give away 15,000 pounds of flour

The strong partnership between the IGP Institute and the Kansas Wheat Commission led to 20,000 pounds of wheat being donated to the Hal Ross Flour Mill by Kansas farmers in the spring of 2020.

The decision was made to mill the wheat into flour and donate the flour to the local community to help offset shortages at supermarkets resulting from increased demand and disruptions in the supply chain due to the pandemic.

With support from university administration, IGP Institute instructors and department faculty and staff reopened the Hal Ross Flour Mill in early June and milled the donated wheat, resulting in 15,000 pounds of flour. Flour packaging and labels were donated and the distribution date for the 1,500 10 pound bags was set.

On June 18, volunteers from the department, the university, and partner organizations handed out flour at the drive-through event in front of the Hal Ross Flour Mill. Multiple media outlets covered the four-hour distribution to a steady line of vehicles flowing past the mill.

The event was a great success. All 1,500 bags were handed out in just under four hours, averaging nearly six cars per minute.

“This was an opportunity to take our expertise and give back to the local community at a time where it seemed appropriate,” said Gordon Smith, Department Head and IGP Institute Director.

June Participant Numbers

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On-site

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Distance



KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Note: Due to the university shutdown to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the IGP Institute and the Department of Grain Science and Industry are operating remotely. Please visit our website at <https://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp/> for updates and additional course information.

June Trainings and Activities

- Milled and packaged 20,000 pounds of donated wheat and distributed 1,500 10 pound bags of flour to the local community
 - Attended WSU Tech Virtual Accessibility Conference
 - Attended Kansas Wheat Commission Board Meeting
 - Met with WATT Global Media to discuss Pet Food Experience Online Live Learning Opportunities
 - Met with Wheat Marketing Center
 - Met with US Wheat Associates
 - Met with Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission
 - Participated in USSEC's Soybean Excellence Center (SEC) Steering Committee Meeting
 - Guest speaker at the International Conference on Swine Production organized by the National University of San Cristobal of Peru
 - Meetings with GEAPS and USSEC leadership
 - Worked with WISHH to prepare for AMPLIFIES 2.0
 - Webinar Presentation for US Grains Council International Staff
 - KSU Agriculture Today, with Eric Atkinson – Podcast: USDA June International Markets and Trade Highlights
 - Presented Notes and Observations in International Commodity Markets
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