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STAKEHOLDER NEWS

IGP Institute
INTERNATIONAL GRAINS PROGRAM

Upcoming in November

NGFA–KSU
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Brian Vulgamore, of Vulgamore Family Farms near Scott City, Kansas, shows members of the India/Sri Lanka Sorghum Trade Team their agricultural spray drone during a tour of the farm in October.

IGP and Partners Host Sorghum Teams in SW Kansas

Kansas is the leading producer of grain sorghum in the United States, and global demand for sorghum products continues to grow. From October 12–14, 2026, the IGP Institute partnered with the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, the United Sorghum Checkoff Program, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Grains and Bioproducts Council to host trade teams from several Latin American countries and a combined delegation from India and Sri Lanka in Southwest Kansas.

Both teams traveled extensively by bus throughout Kansas's primary grain sorghum-producing region to visit sorghum farms, storage facilities, feed yards, and ethanol plants. One unique stop for both teams was Nu Life Market in Scott City, Kansas. Nu Life Market is one of the largest dedicated grain sorghum milling and food processing companies in the United States.

The India and Sri Lanka team's farewell dinner was hosted by Brant Peterson, chairman of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, at Winsome Farms near Johnson City, Kansas. Representatives from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, National Sorghum Producers, Colorado Sorghum, and the United Sorghum Checkoff Program, along with local banks, came together to help host and welcome the visiting team.

October Participant Numbers

61	47
Distance	On-site



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October Trainings and Activities

- Hosted the India/Sri Lanka and Latin American Sorghum Trade Teams in Southwest Kansas, including an IGP sorghum-specific feed manufacturing short course for both groups: 28 participants
- Hosted the PMAN Brazil Bread Workshop: 19 participants
- Hosted IGP-KSU-IAOM Advanced Milling short course: 19 participants
- Seaboard Milling Meeting
- GRSC201 Classes at IGP (October 1, 8, 22, 27, 29)
- Hosted Goodbye Shellenberger, Hello Western Star Dinner at the Museum of Art + Light in Manhattan
- Hosted Dr. Trey Kellner at the Feed Science Podcast of Wisenetix
- Hosted Dr. Cary Fowler and attended the sorghum group lunch meeting
- Hosted Dr. Wilmer Pacheco at the Feed Science Podcast of Wisenetix
- Presented at USSEC SEC MENA's 16th Feed Manufacturing Training: Impact 75 people
- Tabled and Recruited at Pet Food Collab Conference in Manhattan
- Hosted VIP PMAN Signing Event at IGP
- PMAN Course Celebration Dinner at Liquid Arts Winery
- Provided an interview for KSU's Agriculturalist Magazine
- Traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to speak at Abtrigo's International Wheat Congress (wheat industry association) on the impact of DDGS production on the market of wheat middlings in the United States
- Traveled to Peru to provide technical assistance for USSEC Americas: Impact 50 people
- Collaboration meeting and visit to KSU Olathe
- Worked with USW Associates in Indonesia (Jakarta and Chiliagon), Philippians (Cebu and Manila), and Vietnam (Saigon) visiting milling companies to provide technical assistance and training: Impact 200 people
- KSU Grain Marketing Webinar: "Winning the Game" grain marketing webinars and workshops: Impact 293 people
- CFTC/CES Educators Meeting: Impact 30 people
- USSEC Strategic Utilization Team (SUT) Sustainability & Market Access: Impact 60 people
- Farmers for Free Trade - Kansas USMCA Roundtable: Impact 30 people
- KSU Agricultural Commodity Futures Conference: Impact 252 people
- Chicago Federal Reserve Bank—Midwest Agriculture Conference: Impact 252 people
- Corn Belt Ports Annual IWPC and Summit: Impact 121 people
- Industry Consultation: Natural Solutions LLC / Materials Alliance Zone of Kansas, RaboBank, Union Pacific Railroad, Okubo Takuya, Nisshin Flour Milling, Scoular Grain, Ian Co, Sonis Sales and Distribution, Inc., and Kansas Wheat Association
- Published "Big Harvest, Big Questions: Where do Midwest Crops Go...?"
- Published "Why is the United States the Residual Store for World Grains?"

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