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IGP facilitates annual feed manufacturing course



Khair Eddine Soussi, Morocco, examines raw material in the extrusion laboratory during a demonstration.

Twenty one participants from seven countries attended the annual Feed Manufacturing Short Course at the International Grains Program Executive Conference Center September 26-October 7.

Participants from Morocco, Russia, Trinidad, Ghana, Ecuador, Mexico and the United States received instruction during the two-week course on topics including the world feed industry, feed formulation and processing effects on animal and poultry nutrition, material handling, grain grading and maintenance of stored grain. All lectures were by K-State faculty and industry experts.

Participants also attended field trips to Bunge's soy processing plant (Emporia, Kan.), the University of Arkansas's Center of Excellence for Poultry Science

(Fayetteville, Ark.), the Port of Catoosa (Tulsa, Okla.) as well as touring Kansas State University's feed mill.

"There is so much to know, so much information. It was great and we were able to get into more details. All we have to do is apply it," Satesh Ramnarine, production assistant at Master Mix of Trinidad Ltd, said.

In addition to interacting with K-State faculty and industry leaders, the international business executives also had the opportunity to interact with U.S. business and government executives.

"All this bodes well for the furthering of the import and use of U.S. corn and soy meal as feed ingredients," Harvey Kiser, IGP senior agricultural economist said.

IGP assists with extension flour milling course

Twelve participants from the U.S. and one participant from Peru attended the Short Course on Wheat Quality as it relates to Milling and Baking Properties Dec. 12-14 at the International Grains Program Executive Conference Center.

Mark Fowler, IGP director of technical services, instructed participants on wheat and flour quality and Carl Reed, IGP grain storage technologist, facilitated a grain grading laboratory for the participants. Participants also received instruction on wheat breeding quality from Allan Fritz, K-State Department of Agronomy, flour functionality in baking from Dave Krishock, K-State Department of Grain Science and Industry, and flour

milling principles from Dale Eustace, Department of Grain Science and Industry.

While at IGP, participants also participated in a grain evaluation lab, a physical dough testing lab, a baking lab and a flour milling lab. The labs were facilitated by Krishock, Jane Lingenfelter, Jian Li and Leland McKinney, all of K-State's Department of Grain Science and Industry, and Bob Bennett, IGP grain quality specialist.

Fowler attends U.S. Wheat crop quality tours

Mark Fowler, International Grains Program director of technical services, assisted U.S. Wheat Associates with the 2005 Middle East/East Africa Crop Quality Tours Nov. 12-23. The seminars, organized by U.S. Wheat, were conducted in

Cairo, Egypt; Nairobi, Kenya; Abu Dhabi, UAE; and Amman, Jordan. More than 221 participants from 12 countries attended the four seminars.

Accompanying Fowler on the tour were Dick Prior, U.S. Wheat regional vice president; Shannon

Schlecht, U.S. Wheat Assistant director; and Hassan Abdel Gaffar, U.S. Wheat regional marketing director.

At each of the seminars, Fowler presented the 2005 quality data for the six classes of U.S. wheat.

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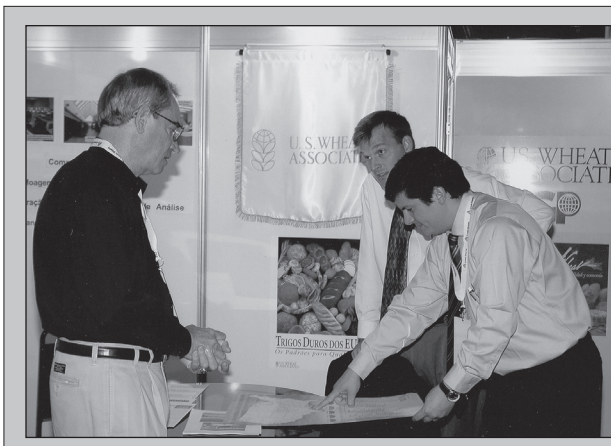
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John Howard, International Grains Program director, talks at the shared booth between IGP and U.S. Wheat Associates with Oliver Flake, agricultural attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, and Miguel Galdos-Tanguis, assistant regional director, U.S. Wheat - Santiago, at the ABITRIGO conference. Howard attended the conference in Brasilia, Brazil Sept. 25-28. More than 200 flour millers from Brazil attended the event.

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▪ Mark Fowler, International Grains Program director of technical services, attended the seventeenth annual International Association of Operative Millers Middle East/Africa District conference and trade show September 25-28 in Marrakech, Morocco.

The first district meeting was organized by U.S. Wheat Associates in Cairo, Egypt. Nine hundred and sixty participants and 87 exhibitors from 57 different countries attended this year's conference.

Kansas State Department's Department of Grain Science and Industry and IGP shared a booth at the trade show that accompanied the conference.

▪ John Howard, International Grains Program director, and Harvey Kiser, IGP senior agricultural economist, represented IGP at the Commodity Classic in Garden City, Kan. Nov. 7-8. This commodity classic was the annual meeting and expo for all of the commodity organizations, including wheat, corn, grain sorghum and cotton organizations and included presentations and breakout sessions on farm and international trade policy, energy and value-added agriculture. Howard and Kiser attended the annual meetings of the commissions and growers' associations for wheat and corn.

▪ On Dec. 2, Koji Noguchi, research chemist for Nippon Flour Milling Company in Atusgi City, Japan, visited the International Grains Program Executive Conference Center.

▪ The Tajikistan ambassador to the United States, Khamrokhon Zaripov, and his deputy chief of mission, Nazir Sharipov, attended a meeting and luncheon at the International Grains Program Executive Conference Center Nov. 15. Kansas State University President Jon Wefald also attended the meeting.

▪ John Howard, International Grains Program director, attended the annual meeting of the national association of feed manufacturing in Mexico, la Asociación de Proveedores de Productos Agropecuarios de México (APPAMEX), and the North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA), in Mexico City Nov. 17-19. Howard gave a presentation to about 100 participants from Mexico about the new grain science complex at Kansas State University.