The IGP Institute Starts 2021 with One In-person and One Virtual Course

January was a good start to the new year as we hosted our first on-site course since March of 2020. The IAOM–KSU Introduction to Flour Milling course had nine participants from around the U.S. who joined us in person for the one-week course offered January 4–8, 2021.

Participants and instructors were required to wear masks and follow the university social distancing guidelines while learning in person at our campus facilities. The introductory course focused on providing a general understanding of the principles of the milling process from wheat receiving to finished product. It highlights the importance of wheat quality and the effect of the milling process on flour functionality, and includes hands-on experience in the baking lab where participants experience the results of baking various products with different types of flour.

The IGP–KSU Pet Food Formulation for Commercial Production course with 31 participants from seven countries was held online from January 11–15, 2021.

Course instructor and K-State Pet Food Program Coordinator, Greg Aldrich said the course covered a variety of topics in pet food formulation including understanding ingredients, processes, and formulation software necessary to create new products. Live lectures were combined with videotaped demonstrations and interactive formulation exercises.
January Trainings and Activities

- Presented Notes and Observations in International Commodity Markets. A weekly set of headline articles of events impacting the international grain and oilseed markets; distributed to faculty, key stakeholders, and an international audience, as well as being posted on the Ag Manager website. Learn more at https://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp/on-site-training/grain-marketing/
- Recap of Weekly U.S. Grain and Oilseed Export Shipment and Sales A weekly set of analysis and data recapping the recent and year to date export shipment and sales. Distributed internally to IGP and to key stakeholders, and an international audience, as well as being posted on the Ag Manager website.
- Attended online meetings with U.S. Cotton Board — Cotton & Coffee Episode 9: “U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol”
- Presented for KSU Ag Econ Risk & Profit Conference – On-Line: “Grain Markets and Outlook for 2021”
- Attended World Meat and Livestock Outlook Webinar
- Attended virtual USSEC – Ag Supply Chain Asia Conference
- Attended online meeting for USSEC Market Access Briefing
- Attended U.S. Grains Council Greater China Region Webinar – Grain Quality and Market Outlook
- Held the Introduction to Flour Milling Short Course
- Held the Pet Food Formulation for Commercial Production Short Course (Virtual)
- Met with US Wheat on 2021 IGP programming opportunities
- Spoke at the U.S. Soybean Meal Quality Workshop organized by USSEC Southeast Asia Office
- Moderated and co-organized the first and second days of the Second Latin American Webinar Series on Swine Technical Topics organized by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and U.S. Livestock Genetic Export (USLGE)
- Met with USSEC and WISHH for future projects