USSEC RAPCO Aquaculture in Feed Manufacturing and Nutrition Course Provides Training to 71 Participants from Latin America

The IGP Institute continues to modify our traditional on-location courses so they can be taught online during a time when restrictions prevent participants from being able to travel to our facilities at Kansas State University. A recent example is the USSEC RAPCO Aquaculture in Feed Manufacturing and Nutrition Course conducted October 13–16, 2020.

According to Carlos Campabadal, IGP Institute Feed Manufacturing and Grain Quality Management Curriculum Manager and Spanish Outreach Coordinator (https://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp/on-site-training/feed-manufacturing/), the course was developed in partnership with USSEC and was presented online to 71 USSEC Americas participants from Latin American countries that buy U.S. soybeans and soybean meal.

The course focused on extrusion technology and soy-based nutrition for various types of feed created for use in commercial aquaculture. In addition to lectures, the hands-on demonstration for creating extruded sinking or floating feed products was filmed in advance in the extrusion lab at Kansas State’s Bioprocessing & Industrial Value Added Products (BIVAP) Innovation Center. This allowed time for the narration to be translated into Spanish before the course began.

Sajid Alavi, grain science professor and extrusion specialist, leads the feed extrusion demo for the course.
October 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/
- Participated in AUSTRADE Future of Food and Ag Summit – Virtual Monash University Food Innovation
- Met with Kansas Corn Commission
- Attended online market briefing for USSEC Soy USDA WASDE Update
- KSU Agriculture Today podcast: USDA October International Markets and Trade Highlights: “Highlights of issues Facing the International Grain Trade” reflected in this month’s USDA WASDE International Trade Markets Report
- Presented on behalf of USGS Checkoff at USGC Grain Exchange Conference - Virtual
- Attended/hosted at Kansas Corn Commission Booth on each day
- Presented a market outlook at two virtual sessions: China team and Mexico team
- Guest presenter for AGEC 520 – Market Fundamentals and Futures/Options Trading
- Attended online USSEC Market Access Briefing
- Attended online Gro Intelligence Briefing on Impact of La Nina Event on Agricultural Production
- Met with AUSTRADE on potential partnership with IGP to engage Australian educational institutions and agribusiness community
- Conducted and presented at USSEC’s RAPCO Aquaculture for Feed Manufacturing and Nutrition Virtual Live course
- Technical presentation on Safety and Hygiene in Feed Mills during the Pandemic for the Virtual FIGAP Expo (Guadalajara, Mexico).
- Weekly meetings with USSEC and others for the SEC Nigeria
- Met with U.S. Wheat Communications Working Group
- Met with Ardent Mills on training opportunities
- Met with Global Campus