Supply Chain Expedition Course Visits Locations Across the U.S.

The IGP Institute hosted 12 South Korean grain industry representatives for the IGP Grain Export Supply Chain Expedition course held April 21–27, 2024.

The course provided an in-depth look at the U.S. grain supply chain by visiting multiple locations across several states. Participants arrived in Chicago, Illinois to start the course by meeting with commodity trading businesses including CME Group, Cunningham Commodities, and Advance Trading.

From there, the group traveled along the Illinois River down to St. Louis, Missouri. They stopped at farms and container loading facilities to meet the producers and see where the grain for their orders originates. The group also toured the Corn Belt Ports facility in Peoria, Illinois, and learned about how the Mississippi River system is controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers.

A stop at Reid’s Yellow Dent Corn Monument in Illinois provided the history of the development of genetics used in modern corn production. Participants also toured Encompass Grain at Allen Station to see the 100-car train loader on the Union Pacific Railroad. The group toured the National Great Rivers Museum and the Melvin Price Lock and Dam before flying from St. Louis, Missouri, to Portland, Oregon.

There, participants met with the Oregon Wheat Commission, U.S. Wheat Associates, the Wheat Marketing Center, and the Federal Grain Inspection Service. Additional tours included the Columbia and Snake River systems and visits to Shaver Barge and the United Grain Corporation terminal before returning to South Korea.

Guy Allen, IGP Senior Ag Economist, leads an international group of grain buyers on a tour of the Marquis Energy barge facility. The group visited the facility on the Illinois River that loads DDGs and ethanol and discharges dry fertilizer during the IGP Grain Export Supply Chain Expedition course. The group went on to visit many other locations highlighting the U.S. grain supply chain from farm to export.
April Trainings and Activities

- Conducted the NGFA-KSU FSMAS–HACCP Course: 29 participants
- Conducted the USSEC New Trends in Animal Nutrition and Feed Formulation course: 22 participants
- Conducted the KSU–GEAPS Grain Elevator Managers course: 39 participants
- Conducted the IGP–KSU Grain Procurement and Purchasing: 14 participants
- Conducted the IGP–KSU Grain Export Supply Chain Expedition: 12 participants
- Met with USW Associates
- Met with Buhler and Mauri on potential training opportunities
- Attended the IAOM technical committee meeting and IAOM Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Nevada
- Hosted a podcast for Wisenetix on feed manufacturing topics
- Hosted Dr. Kurt Rosentrater from Iowa State University at IGP and the OH Kruse Feed Technology Center
- Met with PMA from Brazil for potential training opportunities in baking
- Presented at the IGP Grain Purchasing Course
- Met with the USDA-CGHAR researchers for potential grain storage projects