

STAKEHOLDER NEWS



IGP Promotes U.S. Commodities Around the Globe



Kate Williamson (right) and Kurt Rosentrater (left) connect at the IGP booth at GEAPS Exchange.

In Distance Education, IGP hosted the February/ March session of the AFIA–KSU 500: Fundamentals of Feed Manufacturing online course beginning on February 3rd. IGP has been working to update the content of the AFIA–KSU 500 online course. In February, April Darnell logged more than 70 hours in updating the course layout and design and captioning videos in anticipation of the April deadline for enhanced accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Shawn Thiele and Carlos Campabadal traveled to Nigeria February 15–18, 2026. There, they worked with flour mills within the region on behalf of U.S. Wheat Associates. The purpose of this trip was to visit flour mills in the region that are using U.S. wheat and to provide technical service in the areas of flour milling, grain storage, and pest management to help improve their operations and knowledge of the benefits of U.S. wheat. They spent the first week in Lagos, Nigeria where they met with Flour Mills of Nigeria and Olam. The second week was spent in Port Harcourt, Nigeria where they visited and met with BUA and Dufil. During their time in Nigeria, they met with more than 130 individuals across the flour milling companies including upper management, mill management, quality control, sanitation, grain receiving and storage, and pasta and noodle production team members.

Campabadal also traveled to Turkey and Egypt on behalf of the Kansas Soybean Commission, the U.S. Soybean Commission, and the U.S. Soybean Export Council. During the trip, he met with several soybean companies, including a soybean crushing plant, and visited an aquaculture training center. He also shared insights on the programs IGP conducts in Egypt, highlighted past work in Turkey, and discussed the range of trainings and projects we support in the region.

Kate Williamson represented the IGP Institute as an exhibitor at both the GEAPS Exchange in Kansas City and the Commodity Classic in San Antonio. During GEAPS Exchange, she participated in leadership education sessions, engaged prospective course participants on the trade show floor, and met with current clients to discuss upcoming trainings and future event opportunities. These conversations provided valuable insight into industry needs and reinforced IGP's role as a trusted partner in grain and processing education.

Guy Allen participated in the “Wheat From A to Z” panel discussion hosted by the Kansas Crop Improvement Association. The discussion explored the wheat supply chain from breeding and seed development to finished food products. Panelists included wheat breeder Allan Fritz; seed producers and farmers represented by the audience; co-op and elevator director Adam Butler; marketing economist Guy Allen; wheat miller Fran Churchill; and baker Ethan Hart. Together they discussed the key roles each sector plays in moving wheat from the field to the final product.



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February Participant Numbers

81

Distance

0

On-site



February Trainings and Activities

- Conducted the kickoff of the USSEC ANEP Hybrid course. Impact: 32
- Hosted Arden Mills/SWISCA meeting
- Hosted GRSC 510 course
- Hosted the Kansas Soybean Emerging Leaders Program. Impact: 8
- Hosted Industry Forum – CME Hard Red Winter Wheat Contracts and Re-Introduction of a Grain Sorghum Futures. Impact: 30 +/-
- Hosted AFIA–KSU 500: Fundamentals of Feed Manufacturing online course
- Met with FAWEMA to discuss training opportunities and courses at IGP. Virtual. Impact: 3
- Met with USW Cape Town to discuss training in Nigeria. Virtual
- Met with Buchi for training on the ProxiScout NIR unit. Manhattan, Kansas. Impact: 1
- Met with SWISCA to discuss partnership opportunities at KSU and IGP. Manhattan, Kansas. Impact: 2
- Traveled to Nigeria with USW associated to provide technical trade servicing to mills in the region. Met with Flour Mills of Nigeria and Olam in Lagos, Nigeria. Met with BUA and Dufil in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Impact: 100
- Traveled to Turkey and Egypt with Kansas Soybean Commission and Kansas Wheat Commission for a study tour.
- Presented at USSEC’s SEC Egypt Feed Manufacturing Program. Impact: 75
- Hosted the Feed Science Podcast from Wisenetix with guest Dr. Michael Joseph
- Met with USW Cape Town to discuss training in Nigeria. Virtual
- Met with the Costa Rican Association of Animal Nutritionists for seminar
- Presented at the USSEC’s SEC Americas Masterclass Feed Manufacturing Virtual Program. Impact: 250
- Attended USSEC Strategic Utilization Team (SUT) Sustainability and Market Access. Virtual. Impact: 54 +/-
- Attended Consul General of the People’s Republic of China. Impact: 10
- Presented Winning the Game Grain Marketing Webinar with Dan O’Brien. Impact: 284 +/-
- Presented Should U.S. Growers Look to Africa as the Next Big Market? Understanding Africa’s Soy Import – Illinois Soybean Lab.
- Presented Soybean Innovation Lab (SILO) University of Illinois – Annual Meeting. Virtual. Impact: 48 +/-
- Exhibited at GEAPS Exchange
- Exhibited at Commodity Classic
- Attended Kansas Corn social
- Attended Kansas Soybean social
- Attended Sustainable Advanced Biofuel Refiners (SABR) networking event
- Attended Ecolab networking event
- Attended Grain and Food Science climate and events committee meeting
- Attended USMCA Outlook Breakfast with the National Corn Growers Association