IGP Institute Hosts IGP–KSU Flour Milling for State Wheat Commissioners and Staff

Twelve participants from seven states received an overview of the milling process through hands-on training and classroom discussions during the three-day course held January 4–6 in Manhattan.

Participants engaged in classroom lectures and interactive discussions about competitor quality for U.S. wheat globally, wheat cleaning and conditioning, the milling systems and equipment used, milling extraction, milling math, and flour functionality, among other topics. They also spent time in the Hal Ross Flour Mill and K-State’s Shellenberger Hall milling and baking labs.

Participant Clark Hamilton, Idaho Wheat Commissioner and third-generation wheat farmer from Idaho enjoyed interacting with the IGP Institute milling staff and said he benefited from learning from people with real-world milling experience who are passionate about what they do.

“I’ll leave here with a better understanding of the problems that our customers and millers face, and why wheat quality is important, along with where our wheat fits in the milling niche,” Hamilton says. “The course was a great experience and a great chance to come and learn more about wheat.”
January Trainings and Activities

• IAOM–KSU Flour Milling for State Wheat Commissioners and Staff: 12 participants
• IAOM–KSU Introduction to Flour Milling: 9 participants
• IGP–KSU Pet Food Formulation for Commercial Production: 30 participants
• 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/](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.
• KSU Agriculture Today, with Eric Atkinson – Podcast: Prepared and presented the 20 minute podcast covering: “Highlights of Issues Facing the International Grain Trade” reflected in this month’s USDA WASDE International Trade Markets Report
• Met with Caribbean Milling S.A. on training opportunities
• Attended IAOM Technical Committee Meeting
• Met with Buchi Corporation
• Met with USDA on future course programs
• Attended the Industry Recruiting Meeting – Manhattan, Kansas

• Attended and presented IGP overview of projects and work with the Kansas Soybean Commission at the Kansas Soybean Expo.
• Keynote Speaker at CVA Producer Agriculture Summit – Beloit, Kansas
• Attended online meeting of U.S. Cotton Board – Cotton & Coffee Episode 21: Combating Contamination & Robotics
• Attended online conference meeting of USGC and USSEC - 4th Agricultural Supply Chain Asia 2022
• Attended online meeting of U.S. Cotton Board – Future of Freight Episode #24 Finance, Tech, and Supply Chain Crossover
• Attended online meeting of Cotton Board State Support Update: Kansas and Oklahoma
• Session Speaker – Ag Risk Solutions annual conference; in person and virtual
• Attended USDA Civil Rights Compliance Review via telephone
• Attended online USSEC Market Access Briefing and Discussion
• Attended online USGC Pre-International Trade Conference Meeting
• Attended Kansas Grains Council Winter 2022 Joint Board Meeting – virtual
• Presented Brief on National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF)