Grain Export Supply Chain Expedition Course Learns on Location

The IGP Institute recently hosted 14 participants from the U.S. and South Korea for the IGP–KSU Grain Export Supply Chain Expedition course held July 10–16, 2022.

The course provided a first-hand look at the U.S. export supply chain and its components. Participants learned on location across the U.S. grain and agricultural commodity supply chain. The expedition began in Chicago, Illinois and concluded at an export location in Portland, Oregon.

The course visited multiple locations including farms, country elevators, rail and river terminal facilities, Mississippi and Illinois River locks and dams, inter-modal and container loading facilities, and road, rail, and barge transportation companies.

The course also covered topics including grain marketing, feed ingredients, and presentations from various state and national commodity groups.

Course manager Guy Allen said the new course offers participants the opportunity to see where their grain comes from in person, while meeting industry professionals within the supply chain who can answer questions and provide specific information.
July Trainings and Activities

- Conducted the IGP–KSU Grain Export Supply Chain Expedition course – 14 Participants
- Conducted the IAOM–KSU Introduction to Flour Milling course – 18 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/
- 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 Samantha Bennet – 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
- Attended the USGC Board of Delegates Meeting – Asia and Barley Advisory Committees
- Presented at the USWA Columbia Wheat Trade Mission – Introduction to IGP and its mission and activities
- Presented to U.S. Wheat young Millers Trade Team, Manhattan, Kansas
- Met with Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sorghum and Millet to discuss upcoming project
- Attended and present at the IAOM Central, Wheat State and Texoma Districts Summer Conference, Branson Missouri.
- Present IGP overview and tour for the Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom, Manhattan, Kansas
- Gave a technical presentation on wheat storage in tropical weather locations for U.S. Wheat webinars for Southeast Asia and Africa
- Conducted the second virtual meeting of the Regional Advisory Council of the SEC Americas
- Gave a technical presentation in Spanish on wheat storage in tropical weather locations for U.S. Wheat webinars for Latin America
- Visited Port Caldera in Costa Rica to observed the unloading of U.S. soybeans, corn and DDGS by Agropecuaria El Surco (purchasing group)
- Participated as a speaker for USSEC Southeast Asia at their Raw Material and Feed Biosecurity Seminar on Raw Material Challenges at Storage in Tropical Environment: How to Solve Them