IGP Institute Hosts Three Flour Milling Courses in September

A total of 34 flour millers from locations around the world attended the three milling courses offered at the IGP Institute during the month of September.

The first course was the IAOM–KSU Basic Milling course held Sept. 12–16 with 14 participants. The IAOM–KSU Advanced Milling course was the following week and had 15 millers enrolled. The last week wrapped up with five attendees taking part in the U.S. Wheat Associates/IGP Institute Advanced Milling for South Korea course.

Participants in the basic course spent time in the Shellenberger Hall tabletop milling lab and baking lab before working in the Hal Ross Flour Mill later in the course; learning the basic milling process and how the various classes of wheat used affect the end products.

The advanced milling course participants increased their knowledge of U.S. wheat and advanced milling practices by engaging in hands-on exercises to enhance overall mill efficiency, cleaning, sifting, and extraction rates.

The South Korean group also toured Cargill’s Salina grain elevator, and the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, and were able to attend the K-State football game and tailgate activities on their last day in Manhattan.

Flour millers from South Korea learned how the combi-cleaner is adjusted and used to clean the wheat before the milling process begins under the instruction of course manager, Shawn Thiele during the U.S. Wheat Associates/IGP Institute Advanced Milling for South Korea course held the last week of September.
September Trainings and Activities

- Conducted the IAOM–KSU Basic Milling course: 14 participants
- Conducted the IAOM–KSU Advanced Milling course: 15 participants
- Conducted the U.S. Wheat Associates/IGP Institute Advanced Milling for South Korea course: 5 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 the 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 Kansas Wheat Board Meeting – Manhattan, Kansas
- Met with General Mills – Manhattan, Kansas
- Meet with Bay State Milling – Manhattan, Kansas
- Participated in the GSI Alumni Golf Tournament – Manhattan, Kansas
- Meet with Miller Milling – Manhattan, Kansas
- Participated in the Taiwan Agriculture Goodwill Mission Wheat Delegation meeting and presentation
- Presented to Turkish Government Crop Insurance Group
- Hosted and presented to the Taiwan Agriculture Goodwill Mission – State of Kansas Dept. of Commerce
- Hosted and presented to the Scientific Expedition Team from Africa from the University of Missouri with visits to MKC in Manhattan, Kansas
- Presented to the USSEC Nigeria NOW Conference
- Attended the Latin American Ag Cooperators Conference in Lima, Peru
- Conducted the Joint SEC Steering Committee and SEC Americas Regional Advisory Council meeting in Lima, Peru
- Participated in the SEC Global Virtual Meeting
- Spoke at the Auburn University Feed Manufacturing Short Course