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Grain Industry Professionals Attend Grain Elevator Manager Training

*Participants gained grain elevator management experience
at the IGP Institute at Kansas State University.*

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The IGP Institute at Kansas State University offered an IGP–KSU Grain Elevator Managers course January 22–26, 2018, where participants learned the importance of grain operation systems and gained management skills.

The course focused on a variety of topics including personnel management; grain quality characteristics; psychrometrics; operation costs; grain grading; inventory management; grain handling equipment and equipment maintenance; aeration principles and hardware; grain shipping and receiving; grain safety; grain drying; hands-on training equipment; fumigation; and grain condition monitoring.

“It’s really been a fantastic course. What I enjoyed was the networking and getting to talk to everyone else because everybody does certain things differently,” says Ron Peterson, elevator operator at Central Plains Coop in Central Plains, Kansas. “Hearing about experiences from the other participants here, listening to the instructors, and getting a wealth of experience and expertise delivered are things that I can take back to work and decompress.”

Along with presentations from KSU faculty and staff, the training also included a tour of the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center on the KSU campus.

“We’ve had a great course full of participants, mostly from Kansas, but also others from surrounding states,” says Carlos Campabadal, feed manufacturing and grain quality management curriculum manager at the IGP Institute. “This course has been so successful, that there is a high demand for it and we will offer it again this spring.”

In addition to courses offered in feed manufacturing and grain quality management, the IGP Institute also offers training in flour milling and grain processing, and grain marketing and risk management. To learn more about these other training opportunities, visit the IGP Institute website at www.ksu.edu/igp.

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