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Member participation opportunity:

- Thailand Commodity Export Program - USDA Cochran Program, September 4
- NAEGA Committee Conference Calls, Week of September 9
- Taiwanese Goodwill Mission – Washington, D.C. – September 10
- Training Courses on GIPSA Container Standard – Various Times and Locations
- 2013 U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange – Davenport, Iowa – September 16-18
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NAEGA Member Participation Opportunity

Thailand Commodity Export Program - USDA

NAEGA will conduct a briefing Cochran Program Fellows as part of the USDA program to "Assist Thailand in Commodity Production and Trade Analysis. Scheduled to attend the September 4 session at the USDA South Bldg., in Washington, DC are:

- JAIKUMSUEP, Taweesak - Senior Economist, Bank of Thailand, Northern Region Office, Chiang Mai
- SIRIKANCHANARAK, Duangthip - Senior Economist, Bank of Thailand, Northern Region Office
- POOSIRIPINYO, Rangsit - Director, Bureau of International Agricultural Economics, Office of Agricultural Economics.
- WAJANANAWAT, Luck - President, Bank of Agricultural and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)
- RUNGSSAENG, Suppalak - Strategic Management Officer of Management Department, Bank of Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives

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- KONGKRAPAN, Benjamaporn (Ms.) - Plan and Policy Analyst, Office of Agricultural Economics
- SORALAM, Pakapan - Senior Economist and Director of Cereal and Upland Crop Economic Research
- SIRIWATANATRAKUL, Wanchai - Senior Vice President of Government Policy Department, Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives
- KODNONGBUA, Benjamas- Team Executive, Bank of Thailand, Northern Region Office.

NAEGA member personnel who would like to join the meeting from 2 to 4 pm should contact Gary.

NAEGA Committee Conference Calls

In advance of the NAEGA Board of Directors meeting on September 18, Each of the 4 standing NAEGA committees will conduct a conference call to review key issues and consider items for reporting to the Board of Directors. The Biotechnology, Contracts, International Programs and Grades and Inspections Committees all have very active and important agendas in play.

NAEGA member personnel who would like to be included, along with the named committee members, in the invitations and background material for the conference calls should contact Gary or Kyle as soon as possible.

Taiwanese Goodwill Mission – Washington, D.C., September 10

NAEGA will co-host a Taiwanese goodwill mission reception on September 10, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm EDT at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. The Taiwanese Mission will sign Letters of Intent (LOI) to show that the industry people from Taiwan intend to buy stipulated quantities of grains and co-products from the U.S. during 2014 and 2015. The primary function of this mission is to help enhance the face-to-face relationships with grain producers, key leaders of related associations, and government leaders.

NAEGA Member representatives are invited. A list of Taiwanese participants can be found [here](#). If you would like to attend, please let Gary or Kyle know.

Training Courses on Revised GIPSA Container Standard Requirements

USDA GIPSA is conducting training courses for industry on their revised container standard requirements. If you or your organization is interested in attending or would like more information on the course, please contact the GIPSA staffer listed.

1. **9/10/13** at 2 pm at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture’s Elizabeth City Field Office, 407-G South Griffin St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909, Contact: Andrew Greenfield, (202)720-0277 or Andrew.S.Greenfield@usda.gov
2. **9/18/13** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the National Grain Center, 10383 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO 64153, Contacts: Jeff L. Heureux, (816)659-8415, Jeffery.L.Heureux@usda.gov and Rob Dorman, (816)659-8411, Robert.J.Dorman@usda.gov

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3. **TBD** somewhere on the West Coast, Contact: Ron Metz, (816)659-8400, Ronald.G.Metz@usda.gov

2013 US Soy Global Trade Exchange – Davenport, Iowa, September 16-18

We are looking forward to meeting NAEGA member personnel at the U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange. The Exchange is hosted by the U.S. Soybean Export Council and the Midwest Shippers Association in the Quad Cities – Davenport, Iowa from September 16-18. Both Kyle and Gary are planning to attend. Activities NAEGA is directly involved with include:

- On Monday September 16 from 2:15 – 3:45 Gary will moderate panel on “Globalization and Agriculture Trade Policy”. Panelists in SUZANNE HIENAN, Career Minister at USDA FAS, FRANCISCO MAYORGA, past Secretary of Agriculture, Mexico NGUYEN QUOC CUONG, Ambassador to the United States from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and .
- Late Monday afternoon, anticipated that the Chinese will be signing soybean contracts worth \$500 million. Gary will attend and make remarks.
- On Tuesday Sept 17 – 7:30-8:45 am – Sustainability Assurance Protocol briefing, NAEGA Senior Advisor Sam Bonilla and Gary will join the panel to brief all interested.
- Kyle will manage a NAEGA display at the trade show.

A preliminary agenda for the entire event can be found [here](#).

NAEGA Fall Board Meeting – Wayzata, Minnesota, September 18

NAEGA’s fall board meeting is scheduled to meet on September 18, 2013 from 10:00am (CDT) to 3:00pm (CDT) at Cargill, 15407 McGinty Road West, Wayzata, Minnesota.

All NAEGA Members are invited to attend. A draft agenda, including reports from all NAEGA Committees will be available soon.

Nearby hotels are: Sheraton Minneapolis West, 12201 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 952-593-0000 and Radisson-Plymouth, 3131 Campus Dr. Plymouth, MN 1-800-992-2694

NAPPO Annual Meeting 2013 – Guelph, Ontario, October 28

The 2013 North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) annual meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon. NAEGA is planning to participate. In addition to concerns with official plant protection regulation in Mexico, Canada and the U.S. expect to focus on the International Plant Protection Organization’s intentions regarding a standard for Phytosanitary Measures for International Grain Movements. Updates on the agenda are forthcoming at: <http://www.nappo.org/en/>

Full Details on Upcoming Events can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member’s Only Page](#) and the [Personal Pages Website](#)

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Reports on NAEGA Actions

World – International Biotech Symposium

This week Gary attended and , presented at the Illinois Soy International Biotech Symposium in Champaign, Illinois. Mr. Martin presented on the International Import/Export Panel to an audience from all across the world.

His presentation [can be viewed here](#).

NAEGA is considering making comments on the following items. Please contact us with your advice or suggestions:

2013

Sept. 12 – Comments to USTR on Russia’s implementation of WTO obligations. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-15/pdf/2013-19859.pdf>

Sept. 20 – Comments to USTR on China’s compliance to WTO obligations. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-15/pdf/2013-19846.pdf>

Sept. 27 – Comments to APHIS on Canada-United States Perimeter Approach to Plant Protection. <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/bulletins/86a42b>

Oct. 22 – Comments to FAS on the proposed extension of an information collection in support of the export sales reporting program for U.S. agricultural commodities.

Nov. 26 – Comments to FDA’s proposed rule on importer/third-party accreditation of foreign foods: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/07/29/2013-17994/accreditation-of-third-party-auditors-certification-bodies-to-conduct-food-safety-audits-and-to-issue>

Nov. 30 – Comments to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) on current crop variety registration system in Canada. <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/public-opinion-and-consultations/crop-variety-registration-engagement/?id=1374781777067>

TBD – Comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on draft directives D-12-05: http://www.naega.org/images/pdf/CFIA_Draft_D-12-05.pdf

NAEGA Actions on Current Issues are tracked on both the Member’s Only Section under their relevant committee pages and the on the Personal Page’s site. Updates to tracked issues are posted in this section.

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New Issues & Opportunities for NAEGA Consideration

U.S. – CBP Announces Test for Residual Cargo Entry

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a Public Notice regarding a new test for the entry of residue found in containers/shipments arriving to the U.S. known as “Instruments of International Traffic” (IIT). The CBP hopes the new test is a “less burdensome way for the trade to manifest and enter residual cargo in IITs while also ensuring the safety and security of CBP Officers and transportation of such IITs.” Consumption entries are required for shipments exceeding the following percentage of residue in an IIT: 7% for Rail, 5% for Air and 3% for Ocean.

Importers with less than the above percentage of residue will need to submit a residue entry report, state that the residue has no commercial value, describe the residue at the 6-digit HTS level and confirm that the country of origin for the residue is country of origin from which the container is arriving.

CBP will begin enforcement of this requirement 90 days after the publication of the notice. The Federal Register notice is available [here](#).

If you would like more information or wish to provide comments on any of these news topics monitored by NAEGA, please contact us.

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NAEGA Calendar & Member Notices

September

4 - Washington, DC- Thailand Commodity Export Program of USDA Cochran Program, NAEGA presentation. NAEGA member representatives invited

10 -- Taiwanese goodwill mission reception from 6:00 – 8:00 pm EDT at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.

9 – 13 – NAEGA Committee Conference Calls in advance of Board of Directors meeting.

19 – Washington, DC, Michigan State University /USDA-FAS International Agricultural Biotechnology Short Course, Industry Roundtable at the USDA Whitten Building (Room 107-A) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Gary is panel member for the international roundtable. This year 28 international participants from several countries are expected to attend.

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16-20 – London, England – IMO/DSC Meeting – NAEGA’s senior advisor, Jerry Cotter, will attend the IMO/DSC meeting which will cover reception facilities for cargo and access to stockpiles by vessel representatives.

16-18 – Davenport, Iowa – U.S. Soy Global Trade Exchange

18 – Wayzata, Minnesota – NAEGA Fall Board Meeting at Cargill.

18-20 - Durban, South Africa - Third Meeting of the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) – Kirk Miller to attend for NAEGA. Paul Green also attending for IGTC.

19 – Washington, D.C. – FDA Public Meeting on Foreign Supplier Verification Programs (FSVP) and Accreditation of Third-Part Auditors.

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22-24 – Santander, Spain – Dry Bulk Terminals Group Meeting – NAEGA’s senior advisor, Jerry Cotter, will attend the DBTG meeting which will address Transportation Moisture Limit issues as well as operational and shipping issues and a grain elevator tour.

27 – Washington, D.C. – Public hearing at USTR on Russia’s implementation of its WTO obligations.

October

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28 – Nov. 1 – 2013 NAPPO Annual Meeting – NAPPO’s annual meeting has been scheduled for October 28, 2013 to November 1, 2013 at the Delta Hotel in Guelph, Ontario in Canada. More information will be coming soon.

November

TBD – Washington, DC – One Day USDA/USAID Food Aid & Development Meeting with Stakeholders

4-6 – San Antonio, Texas – American Nutrition Forum – Gary Martin attending and presenting

12-15 – Lisbon, Portugal - 6th International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains: www.gmcc13.org

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19-21 – Baltimore, Maryland – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC) 2013 Annual Workshop – NAEGA Members invited to participate

2014

January -- TBD – Egypt – 2013 Middle East Regional Trade Conference hosted by U.S. Wheat Associates in cooperation with NAEGA, U.S. Grains Council and U.S. Soybean Export Council

March

31 – 2014 NAEGA Annual Meetings – Hilton Head, South Carolina

30-April 1 – 2014 NGFA Convention – Hilton Head, South Carolina

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