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 - Grades Inspections - On Monday 15th : PM 3:30 Eastern, 2:30 Central, 12:30 Pacific
 - Biotechnology – On Wednesday 17th : PM 3:30 Eastern, 2:30 Central, 12:30 Pacific
 - Denver, Colorado – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – September 26, 2014

- Milwaukee, WI – USSEC Global U.S. Soy Trade Exchange – September 15-17, 2014
- Washington, DC – USDA Public Meeting on U.S. Position for Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) – September 25, 2014
- Washington, DC – Regulatory Cooperation Council Stakeholder Event – October 8, 2014
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Interested NAEGA member personnel are welcome to join committee members convening in advance of the September 26 Board of Directors meeting. Three Committee Conference Calls are planned:

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The proposed agenda for the Contracts committee meeting can be found [here](#). Agendas for the Grades and Inspections and Biotechnology committee meeting will be posted soon. Please let Gary or Kyle know if you plan to participate and we can send you additional documents that will be considered.

Denver, Colorado - NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting - Friday, September 26, 2014

Associate Member Co-Bank will host the next NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting at 5500 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111 from 7:30am to 1:00pm (U.S. Mountain Time). NAEGA Members are encouraged to submit items for the consideration of the Board.

Milwaukee, WI – USSEC Global U.S. Soy Trade Exchange – September 15-17, 2014

The U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) is bringing over 150 soy feed, food, and oil processing importers from around the world to meet with U.S. exporters at the Milwaukee Convention Center and the Hilton City Center. Along with the U.S. Soy Trade Exchange, USSEC is hosting a Trade Team Invitational. Over the course of the three days, your company will have the opportunity to sit down with representatives from the more than 150 soy companies from outside the U.S. at the Trade Team invitational.

A listing of participating importers can be found [here](#). To access the on-line appointment registration site, click [here](#). The opportunity to register for the Trade Team Invitational ends August 29 at 5:00pm Central. Schedules of meetings will be emailed to participants by the close of business on September 8, 2014.

Washington, DC – USDA Public Meeting on U.S. Position for Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) – September 25, 2014

The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is hosting a public meeting to provide and receive public comments on the U.S. positions to be discussed at the 21st Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), which will take place in Australia on October 13-17.

The public meeting on U.S. positions will be on September 25 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm Eastern at the Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 107-A Washington, DC. The call-in number for the meeting will be 1-888-844-9904. The participant code will be posted [here](#).

A copy of the federal register notice for the public meeting can be found [here](#).

Washington, DC – Regulatory Cooperation Council Stakeholder Event – October 8, 2014

The U.S. and Canadian governments released the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Joint Forward Plan (Forward Plan). The Forward Plan outlines departmental commitments to cooperate in 24 areas of regulatory business and new department-level partnerships to institutionalize the way U.S. and Canadian regulators work together to develop smarter and more effective regulatory approaches that avoid creating unnecessary requirements and costs.

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As part of the effort to rollout the Forward Plan, stakeholders are invited to participate in a bi-national RCC Stakeholder Event in Washington, D.C. on October 8, 2014. The meeting will provide interested stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the Forward Plan, and provide input to regulators from both countries on its implementation.

For more information on the Forward Plan, stakeholder event, or to add names to the RCC email distribution lists Canadian stakeholders can go to: www.actionplan.gc.ca/rcc, and U.S. stakeholders can go to: www.trade.gov/rcc.

Honolulu, Hawaii – U.S.W.A. North Asia Marketing Conference – October 14-17, 2014

The U.S. Wheat Associates will host the North Asia Marketing Conference (NAMC) on October 14-17, 2014 in Honolulu, Hawaii. This regional buyer’s conference is for both private and public organizations that procure wheat from the international market. The agenda will address the most pressing issues for the Korea, Taiwan, and Japan markets, including advanced application and end-use trends in U.S. wheat classes; world trade agreements – TPP impact and opportunities – and others that can influence agricultural trade; current factors and mega-trends in the world grain market may affect global wheat prices; and the connection between corn and wheat.

A copy of the most recent agenda can be found [here](#). The conference will be held at the Modern Honolulu hotel on Waikiki: <http://www.themodernhonolulu.com>. USW has arranged a special group rate of \$189 + 13.962% tax per night; this room rate is based on single or double occupancy with a maximum room occupancy of four people per room. This rate expires in early September.

The online registration can be done [here](#).

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

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Reports on NAEGA Actions

Investigating China Bans

NAEGA continues to investigate reports from reliable sources that China banned the import of U.S. cottonseed meal, soybean meal and wheat bran. Apparently the ban started on August 5, 2014 by means of posting on the AQSIQ website. No technical justification is provided in the website text. On August 29, 2014 a trading company was notified of China’s refusal to clear a U.S. cottonseed meal cargo for import at the port of Shanghai.

The full AQSIQ website notice has not yet been fully translated, but it apparently reads as follows: “Suspended the importation of U.S. cottonseed meal, soybean meal, wheat bran.” A link to the AQSIQ announcement can be found [here](#).

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It is currently unclear why this action was taken, but it is noteworthy that all three commodities are among the feed ingredients covered by Decree 118 and might have been subject to some discussion during the now suspended plans AQSIIQ inspection visit of DDG and CGM facilities in the U.S. in mid-September 2014.

Planning International Programs

NAEGA is currently planning its International Programs activity and execution of its Unified Export Strategy (UES) for the remainder of 2014. Upcoming travel includes:

- NAEGA Senior Advisor, Jerry Cotter and Gary Martin travel to Panama for the International Dry Bulk Terminals Group (DBTG) Annual Meeting;
- NAEGA Senior Advisor, Kirk Miller and NAEGA volunteer, Paul Green travel to South Korea for the Seventh Meeting of the Parties/Conference of the Parties for the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol under the Convention on Biodiversity;
- Gary traveling to South Korea and Japan to present at the Korea Food Security Research Foundation (KFSRF) Seminar on economic impacts of asynchronous approvals/LLP in the context of food security;
- A trip to Mexico for the North American Plant Protection Organization’s (NAPPO) Annual Meeting.

NAEGA also intends to execute its UES by updating its Grain-Oilseed Market Index (GOMAI) in conjunction with other interested associations, conducting webinars on the Biosafety Protocol, and conducting a Mycotoxin study with other grain and oilseed associations.

WTO Trade Facilitation Letter to USTR

NAEGA will sign on to a letter with a number of other food and agricultural associations addressed to the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), Ambassador Michael Froman. The letter expresses the group’s appreciation to the USTR for defending the U.S. interests and integrity of commitments under taken at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Specifically, the letter addresses the U.S. refusal to acquiesce to the demands by India to reopen agreements reached at the WTO Ministerial in Bali and the threat to the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

The TFA is the first multilateral agreement reached since the establishment of the WTO. It will reduce the costs of trade by streamlining and harmonizing customs rules and procedures to the benefit of all countries. A copy of the final letter can be found [here](#).

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.

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

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Sept. 10 – Comments to FDA on a draft guidance for industry for **“Use of Nanomaterials in Food for Animals.”** The draft guidance is intended to assist industry and other stakeholders in identifying potential issues related to safety or regulatory status of food for animals containing nanomaterials or otherwise involving the application of nanotechnology. A copy of the federal register notice can be found [here](#).

Sept. 26 – Comments to USTR on Russia’s implementation of its obligations as a member of the WTO. These comments are in preparation for a public meeting on Oct. 10 in Washington, D.C. before USTR’s annual report to Congress. This report must evaluate Russia’s implementation of WTO rules on sanitary and phytosanitary measures and trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights. A copy of the federal register notice can be found [here](#).

Oct. 29 – Comments to USTR on TBT & SPS trade barriers for Annual National Trade Estimate Report

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking input for its annual national trade estimate (NTE) report on foreign trade barriers. Comments are due by October 29 and are encouraged to be made on any of the following topics:

- import policies (e.g., tariffs, quotas, import licensing and customs barriers)
- government procurement restrictions (e.g., “buy national” policies and closed bidding)
- export subsidies
- lack of intellectual property rights protection
- anticompetitive conduct of state-owned or private firms tolerated by foreign governments that restricts the sale or purchase of U.S. goods or services in the foreign country’s markets
- other barriers, including barriers that encompass more than one category, such as bribery and corruption, or that affect a single sector

The USTR is particularly interested in trade practices that may violate U.S. trade agreements and information on new barriers. The USTR also welcomes comments on trade restrictions through unwarranted sanitary and phytosanitary measures and standards (SPS), and conformity assessment procedures or technical regulations that can be implemented in less trade restrictive ways (TBT).

A copy of the federal register notice can be found [here](#).

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Information for your Consideration

Chris Novak Named New CEO of the National Corn Growers Association

Chris Novak will become the National Corn Growers Association’s (NCGA) Chief Executive Officer next month. He will replace retiring CEO, Rick Tolman. Chris currently serves as CEO of the National Pork Board. Prior to that he served as the executive director of the Indiana Corn Marketing Council, the Indiana Corn Growers Association, and the Indiana Soybean Alliance. He

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has also served in positions with Syngenta and the American Soybean Association, and has worked on Capitol Hill. A copy of the announcement can be found [here](#).

U.S. Trade Deficit Falls as Exports Hit Another Record

The U.S. Department of Commerce recently released [trade statistics](#) that show the U.S. trade deficit fell 0.7 percent to \$40.5 billion over the last quarter. Exports rose 0.9 percent to \$198 billion and imports gained 0.7 percent to \$237 billion. Compared to a year earlier, the July trade deficit was down \$1.1 billion as exports increased 4.3 percent and imports grew by 4.0 percent.

Import of foods, feeds and beverages hit an all-time high at \$10.9 billion. The trade deficit with China grew 2.7 percent to \$30.9 billion. The U.S. continued a trade surplus with Hong Kong, Australia, and Brazil. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).

USTR Reopens Trade Committees

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has amended its notices requesting nominations for members to serve on the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade (IGPAC) and the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa (TACA) to reflect that federally registered lobbyists are once again allowed to serve on these committees if they are appointed to represent the interests of a nongovernmental entity, a recognizable group of persons or a governmental entity. Nominations may be [submitted here](#) and will be accepted on a rolling basis.

The IGPAC provides advice and policy recommendations on matters related to trade that have a significant relationship to the affairs of non-federal governmental interests. The TACA provides advice on issues involving trade and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

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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September

8-12 – London, England – International Maritime Organization (IMO) subcommittee meeting of Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). Jerry Cotter attending. The agenda can be found [here](#).

12 – Beijing, China – Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) High Level Regulator-Industry Food Safety Dialogue

13 - Beijing China - APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum: Special Session

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14 – Seoul, Korea – Korean Rural Economic Institute Food Security Symposium.

14 – Geneva, Switzerland; Rome, Italy – USBCA-The International Maize Alliance (MAIZALL) Mission to the WTO & FAO

18 – Washington, D.C. – Michigan State University/USDA FAS Industry Roundtable International Agricultural Biotechnology Short Course. Gary Martin on the panel.

18 - 19 - Beijing China - Third APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

18-19 – Beijing, China – APEC Food Security Ministers Meeting, High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (tentative)

26 – Denver, Colorado – NAEGA Board Meeting – Hosted by CoBank

29-October 3 – Pyeongchang, Korea – 7th Meeting of the Parties/Conference of the Parties for the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol under the Convention on Biodiversity, which governs trans-boundary movements of Living Modified Organisms for feed, food and processing. Kirk Miller and Paul Green will be attending on behalf of NAEGA. More information can be found at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/>

October

1-3 – Panama – Dry Bulk Terminal Group (DBTG) Annual Meeting, Jerry Cotter and Gary Martin planning to present and attend.

8 – Washington, D.C. – Forward Plan Rollout/RCC Stakeholder Bi-national Event

13 – Geneva, Switzerland – WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) Committee Meeting

20-24 – Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico – The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) and the National Plant Protection Organization of Mexico. <http://www.nappo.org/>

30 – Washington, D.C. – US Coast Guard Alternative Security Program (ASP) Workshop. NGFA/NAEGA hosting. Jerry Cotter attending.

31-November 2 – Seoul, South Korea – Korea Food Security Research Foundation (KFSRF) seminar on economic impacts of asynchronous approvals/LLP in the context of food security. Gary Martin attending and presenting.

November

10-11 – Beijing, China – APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting (TBD)

17-20 – Baltimore, MD – USAEDC Annual Workshop

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December

10-12 – Geneva, Switzerland – UN Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Subcommittee meeting. Jerry Cotter attending.

14 – Washington, D.C. – U.S. China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT)

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