



# Celebrating 100 Years

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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA.

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## **Member Action Opportunities:**

*The Following Events are open to NAEGA Member Participation. Full Details on Each Event can be found in the Meetings & Events Section of the [NAEGA Member's Only Page](#) and the [Personal Pages Website](#)*

**Bogota, Colombia – U.S. Wheat Associates Latin American Buyers Conference – June 27-29, 2012**

**Alexandria, Virginia – 2012 U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council FAS Attaché Meetings & Seminar – July 11-12, 2012**

**Portland, Oregon – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – August 20 – 1 -5 PM.**

**Portland, Oregon – NAEGA/NGFA-FGIS Regional Workshop – August 21, 2012**

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – 2012 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – August 30 – September 1, 2012**

**NAEGA.org** – As NAEGA prepares to launch a new public website, NAEGA members and staff should take the opportunity to enhance use with a NAEGA Members Personal Page. NAEGA Director of Operations Patrick Hayden is will assist you to setup and maintain your NAEGA Personal Page.

**Container logistics and Canada grain marketing** – Member personnel are invited to join new industry efforts established at the NAEGA Board of Director's Meeting on February 23, 2012 that are intended to:

1. Identify and address changes in the procedures and policies related to shipment of grains and oilseeds with containers. The Container Task will begin work with consideration of the Federal Maritime Commission's (FMC) request for comments on creating FMC container freight indices for U.S. agricultural exports which is due July 9.
2. Review the impact of Canada's changes in regulation of grain marketing including the Marketing Freedom for Grain Farmers Act and to make recommendations for industry actions to support a successful transition as well as long term successful commercial market environment resulting from those changes. The U.S. Canada Tsk Group organized by NAEGA will meet on June 14 via conference call.

The two approved briefing memos proposing the task forces have been posted to the [Board of Director's Website](#) and Issue Tracking for each has been set up at the [NAEGA Personal Page's website](#). Please let us know if you would like to be included in the work of these new task forces.

### **Tracking NAEGA Actions:**

*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.*

#### **Canada, Proposed Regulatory Changes –**

- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has announced new phytosanitary requirements for imports of dried and shelled leguminous vegetable, cereals, oilseeds, and seed of a kind used in sowing with the goal of preventing the introduction of *Trogoderma granarium* (Khapra beetle) into Canada. Under the new requirements, CFIA will require shipments containing any of the commodities listed above to require phytosanitary certification with additional declarations stating freedom from Khapra beetle by all trading partners to mitigate the risk of entry of this quarantine pest to Canada.
- CFIA also announced plans to regulate *Eriochloa villosa* (woolly cup grass) as a quarantine pest. They are proposing that all imports of grain into Canada will be required to be certified free from woolly cup grass in addition to any existing phytosanitary requirements for those commodities. All shipments will require proof of absence of *Eriochloa villosa*, such as a phytosanitary certificate with additional declarations or another method of verifying freedom from contaminants that is approved in writing by

the CFIA. USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is developing and alternative to this proposal where APHIS would submit national export grain survey results to CFIA demonstrating the level of occurrence of woolly cupgrass in U.S. corn, soybeans and wheat. If the level is low enough, no further action would be required. If the level is high, APHIS would conduct further sampling and Canada would allow U.S. shipments into Canada pending an agreement on phytosanitary requirements.

These topics will be among those discussed at the next meeting of the U.S-Canada Task Group on Thursday, June 14. The documents from CFIA proposing the above regulations and the response from APHIS have been posted to the [NAEGA Grades Committee Webpage](#) and the Canada Issue Tracking section of the [NAEGA Personal Pages](#) site.

**United Kingdom, 2012 IGC Conference and Related Events** – NAEGA President Gary C. Martin and Biotech Committee Chairman Paul Green joined NAEGA member representatives 2012 International Grains Conference (IGC) hosted by the International Grains Council and meetings of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) on June 8 and 9. As part of the IGC, NAEGA hosted a workshop with several IGTC meeting participants on current issues facing the grain trade. Gary also attended several other meetings during the week including with the leadership of the International Dry Bulk Terminals Group and U.S. Wheat Associates hosted the Iraq Minister of Trade for a dinner. Gary and Paul also met with Etsuo Kitahara, Executive Director of the IGC.

The trip was funded in part by NAEGA's 2012 Market Access Program (MAP) allocation and Gary and Paul will be preparing trip reports which will be posted to the [NAEGA MAP Committee Page](#) and the [NAEGA Personal Pages](#) soon. Presentations from the IGTC workshop have been posted to those websites as well.

**U.S, USDA Seeking Public Comment on Release Times for Major Statistical Reports** – As we reported in the June 4, 2012 edition of OUTREACH, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) plans to review release times for several major statistical reports due to recent changes in market hours by major commodity exchanges such as the changes being adopted by CME and that the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB), the USDA entities responsible for the reports, would seek public comment on the release times and procedures of their key statistical reports.

USDA has now published an official request for comments in the Federal Register. USDA is asking for comments on the release times of the following statistical reports: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, Acreage, Cattle, Cattle on Feed, Crop Production, Grain Stocks, Prospective Plantings, Quarterly Hogs and Pigs, and Small Grain Summary. Specifically they are requesting the comments focus on the following questions:

1. What is your preferred time of day (EDT) for report release?
2. Why is this time preferred?
3. Who are the data users impacted by this recommended time change?
4. How will this change impact these data users?
5. How are the data used when received at the current time?

Comments are due no later than July 9, 2012. NAEGA is considering commenting on this request. You can view the Federal Register notice, which contains details on how to submit comments, [through this link](#).

### **FYI Related News:**

**CBP Automated Commercial Environment Update** – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has released an update on the functionality already implemented in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) as well as near-term priorities for other ACE deliverables, including e-manifest for rail and sea, cargo release and export processing:

**E-Manifest for Rail and Sea (M1):** M1 provides a consolidated view of rail and sea shipment manifest and entry data at the bill of lading or container level to facilitate the identification of shipments that may pose a risk and will expedite the pre-arrival processing of legitimate cargo. New capabilities include enabling CBP to place and remove holds at the conveyance, container and master bill level, informing carriers which participating government agency (PGA) has held their merchandise, allowing carriers to create through the ACE Portal a list of trade partners authorized to use their in-bond authorization, providing 12 new reports for rail and sea carriers along with seven new reports for brokers and two for importers, and allowing filers to create and maintain rail line release entry banks through the ACE Portal.

M1 was to have been deployed at all CBP ports of entry by the end of May. CBP states that 88% of the carrier community impacted by M1 has sent rail and sea manifests to ACE, completed testing or is in the process of testing. As of Sept. 29 the Automated Manifest System for rail and sea will be decommissioned.

**Cargo Release:** ACE Cargo Release will provide the trade community with a more automated and modern process that streamlines data requirements, removes paper and provides for expedited import decisions by federal agencies. The following components are in progress, and CBP is evaluating requirements and developing an analysis of alternatives to determine possible development options for the ultimate full delivery of Cargo Release.

Simplified entry is the first phase of Cargo Release. CBP has selected nine customs brokers to participate in a pilot test of simplified entry, which was launched May 29 at the ports of Indianapolis, Chicago and Atlanta. This pilot will eliminate the current CBP Form 3461 used to make entry and replace it with a streamlined set of data – 12 required and three optional data elements – submitted earlier in the process. This will give CBP an expanded window of opportunity to identify potential risks.

CBP plans to build on this initial delivery of simplified entry with future deployments of additional functionality until Cargo Release is fully available in ACE. In the short term, information required by other government agencies is set to be incorporated in future deployments once the pilot gets underway.

**Exports:** CBP is planning to establish ACE as the single processing platform for all export manifest, commodity, licensing and export control transactions. CBP plans to

establish an interface between the Automated Export System and the ACE platform to allow CBP and PGA access to export control and licensing information required for processing and releasing export shipments, with the initial focus on the primary export control and licensing agencies. The automated export processing system will also focus on developing a standard data set document for export transactions, developing the capability to accept document images to support manifest, commodity or licensed export filings, and developing functionality for an interoperable Web-based system among CBP and PGAs. The concept of operations and operational requirements document are scheduled for completion by October 1, 2012.

ACE is currently in an operations and maintenance phase, however, CBP states that it is committed to working with ACE stakeholders to develop business cases for remaining functionality in order to secure the additional funding needed to implement it. The full update can be [found on the CBP website](#).

## **Calendar & Website**

### **Official Comments Calendar**

#### **July**

**5** - Comments due to USDA on the proposed extension of information collections associated with the end-use certificate program.

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=pai-eu>

**9** – Comments due to the Federal Maritime Commission on the possible development of FMC container freight indices for U.S. agricultural exports.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/05/24/2012-12666/notice-of-inquiry-solicitation-of-views-on-requests-to-develop-and-release-container-freight-rate>

**9** – Comments due to USDA on the public release time of the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, Acreage, Cattle, Cattle on Feed, Crop Production, Grain Stocks, Prospective Plantings, Quarterly Hogs and Pigs, and Small Grain Summary.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-06-08/pdf/2012-13951.pdf>

### **Activities Calendar**

#### **June**

**14** – St. Louis, Missouri – Soybean Industry Advisory Council Meeting with USSEC Regional Directors & Staff – NAEGA Invited

**19** – Washington, DC – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) holding public Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) meeting on [“International Capacity Building with Respect to Food Safety”](#)

**27-29** – Bogota, Colombia – 2012 US Wheat Associates Latin American Buyers Conference – NAEGA Member Volunteers attending

#### **July**

**14-15** – Alexandria, VA – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council USDA FAS Attaché Meetings & Seminar – NAEGA Members Invited to Attend

## **August**

**7** – Washington, DC – U.S. Coast Guard Alternate Security Program Workshop – Jerry Cotter Attending

**20** – Portland, OR – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting

**21** - Portland, OR - NAEGA/NGFA-FGIS Regional Workshop

**30-September 1** – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – 2012 APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Sheraton Bunganvilas Resort & Convention Center

## **September**

**10-11** – Santa Fe, New Mexico – NGFA Board of Directors Meeting

**17-19** – New Orleans, Louisiana – 2012 Soy & Grain Trade Summit

<http://www.cvent.com/events/soy-and-grain-trade-summit-2012/event-summary-e825f86219fe423296fd676fcca69a70.aspx>

## **October**

**1-5** – Hyderabad, India – COP/MOP 6 to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

**4-12** – Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom - 52nd European Commodities Exchange

<http://www.ece-edinburgh2012.com/>

**15-18** – Louisville, Kentucky – 2012 North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Meeting: <http://www.nappo.org/en/>

## **November**

**6-7** – London, United Kingdom – CropWorld 2012 Grains Congress – NAEGA invited to attend and present

## **December**

**9-11** – Omaha, Nebraska – NGFA 2012 Country Elevator Conference & Trade Show

## **2013**

### **March**

**17-19** – San Francisco, California – NGFA Annual Convention

**TBD** - San Francisco, California – NAEGA Annual Meetings

**NAEGA Website Changes & News** – In June of 2012, NAEGA plans to launch a redesigned public web page and complete the transition to the NAEGA Personal Pages website. The new public site will be fully integrated with the Personal Pages and will eliminate the current Member's Only website. If you have not yet registered for the Personal Pages, or have forgotten your log in information, please contact Patrick Hayden at [phayden@naega.org](mailto:phayden@naega.org). He will set up your account or reset your log in information and send you a temporary password. You can find a user's guide for the [Personal Pages here](#).

NAEGA Issues & Decision Memos have been added to the site under the “Current Issues” section, and each Issue has its own page, containing background information on the issue and updates on current progress on the issue. The Issue Pages can be updated by Board, Committee and other persons who have been granted access to add information. New issues will be posted as NAEGA begins work on them. The issues will be sorted by the most recent updates, and the Personal Pages site can be searched by subject.

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