



OUTREACH --- June 25, 2012

Working Together to Make Trade Work – 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](#)

Washington, DC – Dow AgroScience Biotech Pipeline Meeting – NAEGA Offices – June 26, 2012

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

Dow AgroScience Biotech Pipeline Meeting – Dow AgroScience representatives will meet with NAEGA on June 26, 2012 to discuss the status of their biotech product pipeline. The meeting, which is scheduled for 1:30pm Eastern, will take place at the NAEGA Offices at 1250 I Street NW, Suite 1003 in Washington, DC and NAEGA member representatives are invited to attend. If you or a coworker would like to attend the meeting, please contact Patrick Hayden at the NAEGA office via email at phayden@naega.org.

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 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.

The New NAEGA.org – NAEGA's public website at www.NAEGA.org has been redesigned and launched as of June 18, 2012. The new NAEGA.org features a more user-friendly interface, a better search engine, and integration with the NAEGA Personal Pages website. The new site also features social media tools for sharing public NAEGA actions on a wider scale. NAEGA accounts have been established at [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#), and stories on the public site can be shared on Google Plus. NAEGA members and staff should take the opportunity to enhance their experience with a [NAEGA Members Personal Page](#). NAEGA Director of Operations Patrick Hayden is will assist you to setup and maintain your NAEGA Personal Page.

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 & Mexico Invited to Participate in TPP Negotiations – Canada and Mexico have both been invited to participate in negotiations towards the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade negotiation, joining the United States, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. The countries involved in the talks are pursuing an agreement that has higher standards in areas such as labor, environment and intellectual property rights protections than previous trade accords and also reduces regulatory barriers to trade. In December 2011 NAEGA submitted comments to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative supporting the applications of Canada, Japan and Mexico to participate in the TPP. A decision has yet to be made on including Japan in the negotiations, as some participants are concerned with Japan’s current import policies. The next round of negotiations is scheduled for July 2-10 in San Diego, Calif. The Obama administration previously has expressed a goal of concluding TPP negotiations in 2012, with the possible inclusion of other countries in the accord considered after the TPP is completed.

Canada, Meeting with Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture – NAEGA met with Nithi Govindasamy, Associate Deputy Minister, Policy & Programs of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture to discuss issues related to the Canada-U.S. Task Group. Mr. Govindasamy expressed his agency’s agreement with the goals of the Task Group. He followed up the meeting with an invitation to NAEGA to attend and participate in the Agriculture Working Group (AWG) meeting and Cross Border Livestock Health Conference taking place at the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit in Saskatoon July 15-19, 2012.

The AWG meeting is of particular interest and will focus on three of the Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council Joint Action Plan initiatives: common approaches to food safety, mutual reliance of food testing results, and crop protection products. NAEGA is currently planning on using Market Access Program funds for attendance at the Summit and concurrent meetings. Mr. Govindasamy has forwarded a packed of documents related to the planned meetings to NAEGA, which have been posted to the [NAEGA Grades Committee Website](#) and the [Personal Pages Site](#) under Canada Issue Tracking. Full details on the PNEWR Annual Summit can be found online at www.pnwer.org

China, DDG Anti-Dumping Case – NAEGA has learned that China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) anti-dumping investigation against U.S. Dried Distillers Grains (DDG) has been terminated. The investigation ended when the petitioners rescinded their request on May 10, 2012 and no tariffs will be imposed. The investigation, which began in December 2010, was initially scheduled to take one year, ending in December 2011. In January, NAEGA reported that MOFCOM had elected to extend their investigation by 6 months, citing the “special and complex” nature of the case as the reason for the extended investigation. The announcement from MOFCOM is available on their website at <http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/>.

Iraq, Minister of Trade Invited to Grain Purchasing Seminar – Earlier this year, U.S. Wheat, along with NAEGA and the USA Rice Federation, invited Iraq Minister of Trade Dr. Khairullah Hasan Babakir and members of his staff to attend a two-day seminar on U.S. Grain Purchasing to in Turkey. While that seminar was cancelled, following a dinner with the Minister during the International Grains Conference in London in early June, we extended an invitation to the Minister to attend a Grain Purchasing seminar in Amman, Jordan on November 13 & 14, 2012. If the minister accepts this invitation, NAEGA plans to support the seminar. The Seminar will include an opportunity for the trade to participate and educate on grain production, purchasing

and export. NAEGA will let members know if and when the Minister accepts the invitation and of our plans for the seminar when it is officially scheduled.

World, Invitation to AMIS Meeting – NAEGA has been invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on October 2, 2012 in Rome, Italy on the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS). AMIS is a G20 initiative launched in 2011 with a mission of “improving global understanding of agricultural markets by improving the quality of data provided to governments” and to provide “facts-based analyses of global food market vulnerabilities”. All G20 countries will attend the roundtable, as well as representatives from the UN’s Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the new Chair of AMIS, USDA Chief Economist Joe Glauber. AMIS has expressed an interest in reviewing areas of collaboration with industry, and how NAEGA and AMIS could work together to achieve common goals.

NAEGA is planning on accepting the invitation, conducting a survey of industry perspectives and sending a representative to the meetings. Our USDA Market Access Program allocation would be used to supplement our work and fund a consultant and travel. Full details on AMIS and its mission are available online at <http://www.amis-outlook.org/>. As the trip develops we will provide members with more details.

FYI Related News:

U.S. Coast Guard Extends TWIC Expiration Dates – The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has announced that they are extending the expiration date for certain holders the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Effective August 30, 2012, TWIC holders who are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, and whose TWICs will expire on or before December 31, 2014, have two options to renew their TWIC: They may either replace their expiring TWIC with a 3-year Extended Expiration Date (EED) TWIC or obtain a standard 5-year replacement. All TWIC holders should begin the application process at least 30 days before his or her TWIC expires.

The EED TWIC is a one-time temporary extension option intended to provide convenience and cost-savings to workers pending the deployment of TWIC readers. The announcement, information on who is eligible for the EED, and instructions on application are available at the [USCG TWIC website](#).

USDA Seeking Comments on Weekly Export Sales Reporting Proposed for DDGs – USDA is seeking public comments on a proposed rule that would require all exporters of U.S. distillers dried grain (DDG) to report information on export sales of those products to USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service on a weekly basis. Required reportable information would include the quantity, destination and marketing year of all DDG export sales, changes in sales, and shipments per identified parameters. USDA states that this rule would allow for information on the total volume of sales and shipments to be available within two weeks of the export sale and shipment rather than the nearly two-month delay experienced under the current system operated by the Census Bureau, which provides a window of opportunity for foreign buyers to buy quantities of U.S. product at prices that may be lower than if current market conditions were known. Comments are due August 24, 2012. The full proposed rule, which would also require Pork exporters to report sales weekly, is available online at the [Federal Register 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>

August

24 - Comments due to USDA on Proposed Rule requiring weekly export sales reporting from exporters of DDGs and Pork:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/06/25/2012-15437/export-sales-reporting-requirements>

Activities Calendar

June

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

July

9-10 – Alexandria, VA – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council USDA FAS Attaché Meetings & Seminar – NAEGA Members Invited to Attend

15-19 – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada – Agriculture Working Group meeting and Cross Border Livestock Health Conference at the Pacific North West Economic Region Annual Summit, www.pnwer.org – NAEGA 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 – Vallarta Palace Hotel

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

2 – Rome, Italy - Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) Roundtable Meeting

<http://www.amis-outlook.org/> – NAEGA invited to attend

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

13-14 – Amman, Jordan – Proposed Meeting with Iraq Minister of Trade

December

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

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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. 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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