



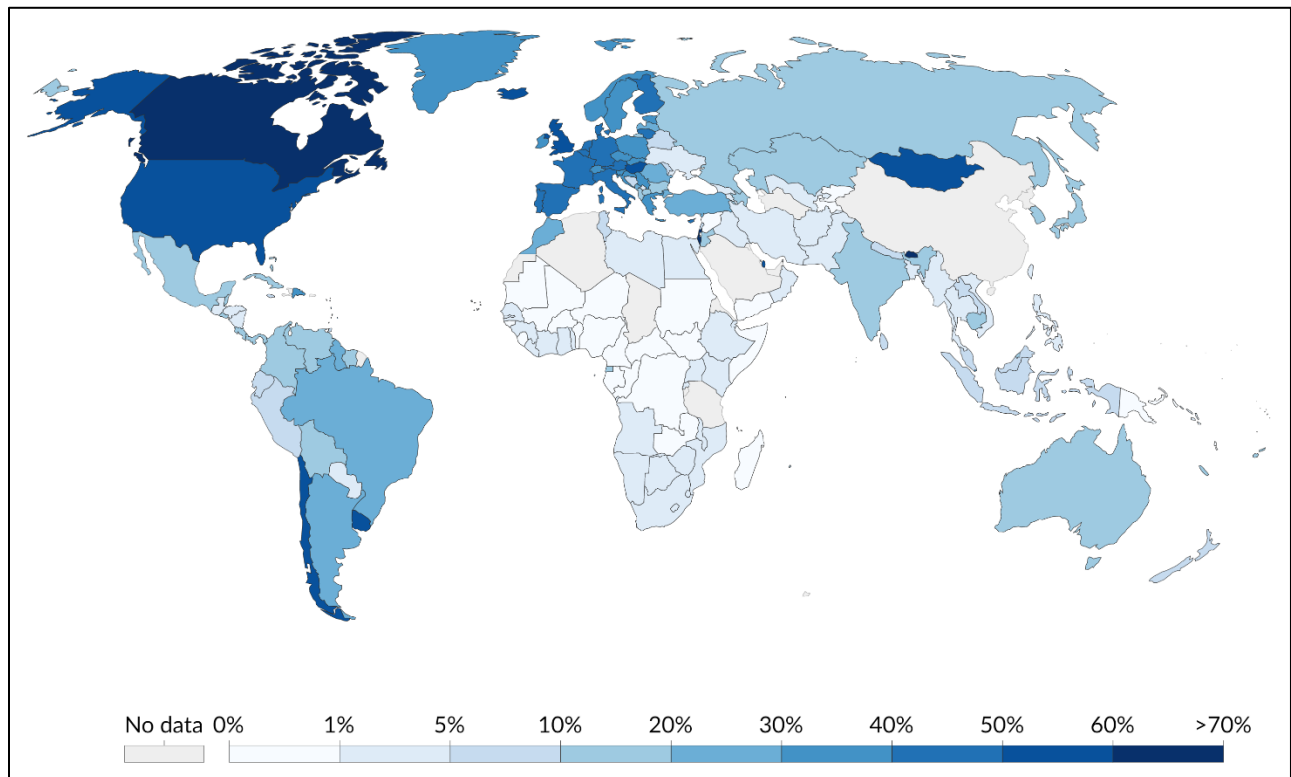
Outreach June 7, 2021

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NAEGA Media of the Week

Percentage of Population **With at Least One** dose of COVID-19 Vaccine by Country - As of June 5, 2021

Click the Image for More Data on COVID-19 Vaccination



Source – [Our World in Data COVID-19 Data Explorer](#)

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Register Now – Virtual Networking & Information Session – June 29, 2021

You and any co-workers with an interest in NAEGA are invited and welcome to join us at our next Virtual Membership Networking & Information Session, on Tuesday June 29, from 2:00pm-3:00pm Central Time. This session will provide members updates on NAEGA activities, including the U.N. Food Systems Summit and will feature a spotlight presentation from non-NAEGA member Bayer Crop Science on glyphosate.

You can [register here](#) or through the [NAEGA Member's Only site](#). Once registered you will be sent the weblink you will need to join the session.

This event is part of a series of NAEGA member exclusive one-hour sessions that we began earlier in 2021 and are holding a least once a month.

All members may be featured during a future networking and information session. If you would like your company to take part in a session as a presenter, or if you have any questions, please let us know.

Production Technology Committee Meeting – June 15, 2021

The NAEGA Production Technology Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 15 at 12:00pm Central Time. The Committee will review the [Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange](#) (PBIE) and the draft [NAEGA Statement on Pesticide MRLs](#). Your comments are welcome on both. If you are not a member of the Committee and would like information on taking part in this meeting or joining the Committee, please contact NAEGA staff.

NAEGA members are also invited to register to access the PBIE. Developed by and at the request of membership, the PBIE contains detailed information on commercialized and pre-commercialized gene-edited and transgenic seeds used to produce the crops you use and market. To our knowledge, the PBIE is the first and only platform to contain a searchable database of gene-edited seeds.

Currently, only NAEGA members have access to this unique tool. **As part of membership your company is allowed up to 5 unique users for the PBIE at no cost.** Member representatives should send the names and email addresses of their company's users to Patrick at phayden@naega.org. He will connect with them individually with login information and guide them in the use of the platform. Please let us know if you have any questions!

U.N Food Systems Summit

Policy Team– Your Involvement Requested!

As we continue to engage with governments and relevant stakeholders on the [U.N. Food Systems Summit \(Summit\)](#), NAEGA is forming a policy team to help guide our efforts. The policy team will be reviewing and you are welcome to comment [on this draft NAEGA statement](#).

Your involvement is requested! As part of the NAEGA Policy Team on the UNFSS, members will work through virtual meetings to help guide our multifaceted effort to promote the positive contribution of the trade of grains and oilseeds to sustainable food systems. We plan to convene the first meeting of this team as soon as we are able. If you or a colleague has an interest in joining this policy team, please contact Gary or Patrick.

Member's Only Document Library

NAEGA has launched a new section of our [Member's Only website dedicated to the U.N. Food Systems Summit](#). In addition to different forms of media and links to outside resources, the page provides access to [a trade document library](#) that is exclusive to NAEGA members. The library was developed with a unique trade policy lens to review documents, declarations and outcomes related to the 2021 UNFSS. There are two "Collections", the first with resources directly linked to the UNFSS, and the second with background pre-UNFSS resources. The library is operationalized by Agriculture Dialogues International (ADI) and is for the use of NAEGA members only. NAEGA members can contact ADI directly through the library website.

Webinar on Egyptian Import Requirements – June 15, 2021

NAEGA members are invited to attend a webinar on Egypt's new "single window" import requirements that will go into effect on July 1, 2021. The webinar will be hosted by USDA/FAS Cairo on Tuesday, June 15 at 9:00am Central time. The Egyptian government will be presenting on the new customs system and the webinar is limited to 250 participants. The invitation [can be found here](#), and you can register by sending an email to eagcairo@usda.gov.

Contracts and Best Practices Seminars – Your interest requested

We are now scheduling virtual Contract and Best Practice Seminars for several NAEGA members companies over the next several months. We are also considering virtual and in person **private**

(staff from only one company) and **public** (staff from two or more companies). See the calendar below for currently scheduled seminars.

The seminars are an intensive and informative review of commercial and official practices taught in an interactive environment. We recently completed extensive work with Senior Advisors built around a private Virtual Contracts and Best Practices Seminar that included critical review of trade execution documents.

Please let us know when, how and where you would like to participate in the NAEGA Contracts and Best Practice seminars. [Click here](#) for more information on the in-depth, interactive programs NAEGA conducts!

Current & Ongoing Activities:

EU Notification on Maximum Levels for Ergot

The European Union has [notified new draft regulations](#) to the World Trade Organization which would revise the maximum level set for ergot sclerotia in cereal grains, with the exception of maize and rice, and establishes maximum levels for ergot alkaloids in milling products of barley, wheat, spelt, rye and oats, wheat gluten, processed cereal based foods for infants and young children. The proposed revisions [can be found here](#).

Comments are due to the WTO on June 13. The Grades & Inspections Committee is considering comments. Your input or comments are welcome.

USDA Seeks Comments on Food System Supply Chains – Deadline Extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking comments on a is seeking comments on a “Department-wide effort to improve and reimagine the supply chains for the production, processing and distribution of agricultural commodities and food products.” This request, [which can be found here](#), comes in response to U.S. President Joseph Biden’s [Executive Order on America’s Supply Chains](#) of February 24, 2021.

USDA is asking for comments that will assist the Department in developing a report that assesses the critical factors, risks, and strategies needed to support resilient, diverse, and secure supply chains. The comment deadline has recently been extended to June 21, 2021. NAEGA is considering providing comments and your input is welcome.

U.S. Standards for Sorghum and Wheat

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Federal Grain Inspection Services (USDA/FGIS) is requesting comments on the U.S Standards [for Sorghum](#) and [for Wheat](#) under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. The current U.S. standards for sorghum [can be found here](#) and for wheat [can be found here](#).

Comments due dates are: Sorghum, June 24, 2021 and Wheat, July 19, 2021. The Grades & Inspections Committee is considering comments. Your input or comments are welcome.

Recent Actions:

Comments on Proposed Canadian Guidance on Novel Foods

NAEGA has submitted comments to the Government of Canada on the proposed [update to its guidance for novel foods](#) to “provide better clarity and predictability in how the Novel Food Regulations are applied to products of plant breeding.” The comments focused on the need for the transparent presentation of consistent and credible information on the safety and use of all production technologies and recommended that Canada enact a mandatory notification system for “novel and non-novel” products, or to develop a system to make consumers and exporters aware that a product “meet the safety requirements to be considered non-novel to allow for consumer choice and ensure regulatory compliance” of export markets. The comments also ask for clarification on how other Canadian laws on food and feed safety may be impacted by the proposed guidance. The comments as submitted [can be found here](#).

Joint NAEGA-NGFA Grades Committee Meeting

The NAEGA Grades & Inspections Committee met jointly with the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) Grain Grades & Weighs Committee on Wednesday, May 26. The joint meeting discussed issues raised during the recent meeting of the U.S. Grain Inspection Advisory Committee and other topics of mutual interest. If you would like more information about joining the Grades & Inspections Committee, or any other NAEGA committee, please contact Gary or Patrick.

USDA/FAS New Tech Value Chain Dialogue

On Monday, May 24, NAEGA and the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) hosted a value chain dialogue with the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) New Technologies and Production Methods Division. Representatives from over 20 agricultural trade association received an update on the New Technology division’s work in 2020 and priorities for 2021, as well as a virtual introduction to the FAS staff working on these issues.

News:

EC Report on New Genomic Techniques

The European Commission (EC) [has released a report](#) on “new genomic techniques” (NGT), in response to a request by the Council of the European Union. The report defines NGTs as “techniques capable to change the genetic material of an organism and that have emerged or have been developed since 2001”, when the existing EU legislation on Genetically Modified Organisms was adopted. The scope of the study included the use of NGTs in plants, animals and micro-organisms for agri-food, industrial and pharmaceutical applications.

The report found that the 2001 GMO legislation is not fit for the use for some NGTs and their products and should be updated to account for scientific and technological progress. The report also found that:

- NGT products have the potential to contribute to sustainable food systems with plants more resistant to diseases, environmental conditions and climate change effects.
- NGTs can have higher nutritional qualities such as healthier fatty acid content, and reduced need of agricultural inputs such as pesticides

- NGTs can have benefits for many sectors of society and there is a need to unblock R&D on NGTs in Europe

The Production Technology Committee will be discussing the implications of this report at their meeting on June 15.

USCG Warns of TWIC Fraud

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has notified Alternate Security Program (ASP) members that an individual recently attempted to use a fraudulent Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card to access an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Security officials identified the TWIC as fraudulent and the individual admitted to purchasing the fake card at a flea market in Houston, Texas. [The individual was sentenced to serve 30-months in Federal prison.](#) USCG notes that ASP users should be aware that TWICs are being looked at and fraudulent TWICs will not be accepted or tolerated.

USDA Announces New Senior Appointments

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [has announced the following new appointments](#) for senior staff positions:

- Kim Peyser - Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration. Most recently, Peyser served as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Department of Commerce.
- Tien Nguyen was named Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance in the Office of the Secretary. Nguyen was most recently an Advance Associate in the Executive Office of the President.
- Katie Zenk was named Chief of Staff for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Previously, Zenk was the Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, full Committee economist, and Professional Staff during consideration of the 2018 Farm Bill on the House Agriculture Committee.

Calendar & Member Notices:

Click [here](#) for a copy of the IGTC Calendar

2021

June

7-11 – London Grains Week – London, UK – In person/Virtual Hybrid

7 – International Grains Council Meeting– London, UK –Virtual

8-9 – International Grains Council Conference – Virtual

8 – IGTC Session on Official Practices, Trade and Resilient Food Systems at IGC Conference – Virtual

9 - IGTC Session on Benefits and Challenges of E-Phyto In Africa at IGC Conference – Virtual

7-11 – Commodity Trading Week – Virtual

8-9 – Dry Bulk Terminal Group Operational and Technical Conference – Antwerp – In person/Virtual Hybrid

15 – Webinar on Egyptian Import Requirements

15 – NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting

- 16 – USDA/FAS Southern Cone Virtual Mico-Regional Conference
- 25 – United Export Strategy for 2022 Market Access Program Funding Due to USDA
- 29 – NAEGA Membership Networking & Information Session - Virtual

July

- 8 – USAEDC’s FAS Attaché Seminar – Virtual
- 14-15 Private Virtual NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar
- 19-21 – U.N. Food Systems Summit Pre-Summit Events – Rome, Italy & Virtual

September

- TBD - Private Virtual NAEGA Contracts and Best Practices Seminar
- TBD - U.N. Food Systems Summit
- 28-30– NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – Arlington, VA

October

- 11-24 – Meeting of the Convention on biological diversity (CBD) COP 15 and COP-MOP 10 - Kunming, China - Tentative
- 30-31 – G-20 Summit – Rome, Italy

November

- 15-18 – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD
- 29 - 12th WTO Ministerial Conference – Geneva, Switzerland

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March

- 13-15 – NGFA Annual Convention – Charleston, SC

December

- TBD – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

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