



# Outreach

## September 20, 2021

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### NAEGA Media of the Week

The Updated NAEGA UNFSS Document Library

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This website has been made available to the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) for worldwide distribution to interested parties. It provides a lens to review documents, declarations and outcomes related to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS). There are four 'Collections': 1. Documents, declarations and videos published by global stakeholders on modern agriculture and trade that specifically mention the UNFSS 2. Official resources relating to the September 23 Summit and July 26-28 Pre-Summit 3. Background pre-UNFSS resources that track the origins of discussions 4. COP26 UN Climate Change Conference. The library is operationalized by Agriculture Dialogues International (ADI).

Need help navigating the library? The "Subject" terms at the bottom of each item are navigable and clicking on them provides you with related resources. Try exploring: #international trade #international standards #commodity supply chain #digitalization #science based decisions #regenerative agriculture

#### Featured item

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

08:00 – 08:45 Press Conference

09:00 – 11:00 **The People's Priority – Accelerating Action for the Future We Want**

Over the course of 24 months, hundreds of thousands of people have joined the global and national leadership teams engaged with the Food Systems Summit to accelerate action to transform food systems to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This process began with extensive non-pledge stakeholder briefings and a platform for Heads of State and Government and confidence builders that engaged directly in the process to shape an initial set of the scope of topics and multi-stakeholder commitments to be presented to the UN High Level Panel of Experts for the Summit.

- Opening Remarks – Arriving at the People's Summit and Solutions Summit
- Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General
- Harvesting Key Initiatives from Summit Workstreams
- Charting Pathways Forward to the Future We Want
- Heads of State and Government
- Multi-Stakeholder Commitments from the Areas of Action
- Confidence Builders
- Interfaith Reflection

11:00 – 11:30 Networking Break

11:30 – 12:30 **Coming Through on Action for People, Planet & Prosperity**

The summit will feature the UN Secretary-General's Statement of Action, built from the Summit workstreams. High-level and public commitments from Heads of State and Government will be made for a clear approach to food and agriculture.

- Opening Video
- Keynote Remarks – Making Food Systems Work for People, Planet, and Prosperity
- U.S. Assistant Secretary, Secretary-General, United Nations
- Heads of State and Government Commitments to Action
- High-level Declaration on the Road to 2030 and Supporting Country-Level Implementation

12:30 – 12:45 Networking Break

12:45 – 14:45 **Leader Statements, Multi-Stakeholder Commitments and Conclusions**

The summit will feature Heads of State and Government statements, multi-stakeholder commitments to action, confidence builders and remarks.

- Heads of State and Government Statements
- Multi-Stakeholder and Institutional Commitments to Action

#### Latest items

Nestlé unveils plans to support the transition to a regenerative food system

16 September 2021  
Article Link

The Zero Hunger, Private Sector Pledge

September 2021

This pledge is open for submission. To be part of the official launch on 21 September 2021 please fill in your pledge by midnight CET on **Friday 17 September 2021**.

Purpose of this private sector pledge

This pledge expresses our company's commitment to contribute to efforts to end hunger by 2030. Hunger

Source: [NAEGA UNFSS Document Library](#)

### ***Member Notices & Opportunities***

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### ***Member Notices & Opportunities:***

#### **Thank You, Steve Smalley and Welcome New Board Member Tyler Shultz,**

Please join us in extending our sincere appreciation and best wishes to Steve Smalley for more than a decade of volunteer support and welcome Tyler Shultz of Cargill to the NAEGA Board of Directors. Steve retired in August. The Board has unanimously voted to approve Tyler's nomination to fill Steve's unexpired term. Tyler serves as Cargill's Oilseed Product Line Leader and we thank him for his willingness to serve on the Board. The new Board Term Schedule is below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Gordon Russell	Louis Dreyfus Company	March 2022
Charles Colbert	Zen-Noh Grain Corp.	March 2024
Steve Strong	Bunge North America	March 2023
John Griffith	CHS, Inc.	March 2022
Matt Hopkins	ADM	March 2024
Carsten Bredin	Richardson International	March 2023
Holly Womack	CoBank	March 2022
David Smoot	Viterra	March 2024
Norihisa Tsunoda	Mitsui & Co.	March 2023
Jason Hofer	Gavilon Grain, Inc.	March 2022

Kurt Haarmann	Columbia Grain, Inc.	March 2024
Augusto Bassanini	United Grain Corporation	March 2022
Kevin LaGraize	Southport Agencies, Inc.	March 2024
Tyler Schultz	Cargill, Inc.	March 2023

### **USDA Emergency Declaration and Waiver Procedures for Lower Mississippi**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has declared an emergency for grain exporters located on the portion of the lower Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to the mouth of the river and has issued a waiver of official inspection and weighing on a shipment-by-shipment basis until September 30, 2021. The declaration along with the conditions required and procedures to follow to apply for a waiver [can be found here](#). NAEGA’s policy on USDA Federal Grain Inspection Service contingency planning [is available here](#).

### **Notice to the Trade - Hurricane Ida**

NAEGA has issued the following [Notice to the Trade](#) regarding Hurricane Ida:

“Buyers and Sellers of agricultural commodities pursuant to terms of the NAEGA 2 Model F.O.B. Contract are advised that circumstances related to Hurricane Ida provide for a valid cause under the provisions of Clause 20.

Clause 20 provides for delays or prevention of delivery obligations arising from: (1) riots, strikes, lockouts, interruptions in or stoppages of the normal course of labor; (2) embargoes, or exceptional impediments to transportation; and/or (3) action by federal, state, or local government or authority. One or more of these conditions have affected Lower Mississippi River export operations and the impact on delivery or forwarding of commodity may be ongoing.

Consideration of certification by NAEGA in accordance with Clause 20 of cause for elevators and / or ports, which includes determination of the beginning and end, will proceed upon receipt of applications from Sellers.”

Please contact NAEGA staff if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange**

The NAEGA Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE) continues to be improved and updated and open to NAEGA members. 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. To gain access NAEGA Member representatives send the names and email addresses of designated company users to Patrick at [phayden@naega.org](mailto:phayden@naega.org). Each designated person is provided unique login information and instructions on use of the platform. Please let us know if you have any questions!

## **U.N Food Systems Summit**

### **Policy Team– Your Involvement Requested!**

Our policy team continues to engage with governments and relevant stakeholders on the [U.N. Food Systems Summit \(Summit\)](#). The policy team will be updating 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 trade in 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.

### **UNFSS Document Library**

NAEGA's U.N. Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) Library has been revised and moved to a new web address. NAEGA members can now access the library [through this link](#) or through [the U.N. Food Systems Summit](#) page on the NAEGA website. The previous link will be discontinued soon. If you have a NAEGA Member's Only website login, you should not have any issues accessing the site at its new address. If you need login credentials, or are having any trouble logging in, please let Patrick know.

The library has been updated to include four collections of documents relevant to the UNFSS, scheduled to take place on September 23, 2021.

The collections include:

1. Modern agriculture and trade resources specifically mentioning UNFSS 2021
2. UNFSS Pre-Summit 26-28 July 2021 - resources and analysis
3. Background Library, tracking the origins of UNFSS Game Changers and other proposals
4. COP26 - 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference

A briefing for NAEGA members on the activities leading up to the UNFSS [can be found here](#). A comprehensive report on the development of the library and recommendations for future action have been posted on the [NAEGA Member's Only UNFSS](#) page along with background documentation on the project. NAEGA will continue to update the library and report on outcomes from the UNFSS and other initiatives related to food systems through the end of the year.

### **Website Member Spotlight – Blue Water Shipping**

A NAEGA Member Spotlight on Blue Water Shipping has been posted to the public front page of the [NAEGA website](#). All members have the opportunity to be featured in spotlight on the website. If you would like your company to be featured in the future, or if you have any questions, please let us know.

### **Contracts and Best Practices Seminars – Your interest requested**

On Wednesday, September 8, NAEGA held a virtual “public / for all NAEGA members Contracts & Best Practices Seminar. Over 80 NAEGA member employees attended the 5-hour session. Video clips will soon be made available on the NAEGA Member's Only website. You can find the NAEGA Sourcebook [used during the session here](#).

Seminars can be conducted in-person and / or virtually. Both in-person **private** (staff from only one company) and **public** (staff from two or more companies) are being scheduled through 2022. Given the strong attendance and interest from Members, we expect to hold another public virtual seminar in the near future.

The seminars are much valued NAEGA member service. The intensive and informative reviews of commercial and official practices are conducted in an interactive environment.

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:***

#### **USDA/APHIS Draft Guide to Submitting an RSR**

USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [released a draft guide](#) detailing the information requirements and process for submitting a Regulatory Status Review (RSR) request, which determines the regulatory status of a plant developed using genetic engineering and is seeking public comment. APHIS will also host a webinar to provide an overview of the draft RSR guide on September 21, 2021 from 3-4pm Eastern. You may register to attend the webinar here: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/meetings>

Comments are due to APHIS on October 25, 2021. The Production Technology Committee is considering a response. Your input or comments are welcome. Please review the draft guide and let us know if you have any comments or concerns.

### ***Recent Actions:***

#### **Comments to CFIA on Proposed Changes to Canadian Feed Regulations**

NAEGA has provided comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on their [draft amendment to Canada's "Feeds Regulations, 1983"](#), commending CFIA for its efforts to modernize the Regulations, which have not kept up with innovation including the management of safety risks, international standards, science and technology.

NAEGA provided advice to CFIA on maximum levels of plant protection products, the treatment of novel feeds, and labeling, encouraging the agency to consider [NAEGA's Policies on Crop Biotechnology](#) and [Pesticide Residue Management](#). The comments as submitted [can be found here](#).

#### **Comments to CFIA on Draft Guidance for Seeds Regulations**

NAEGA has provided comments to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on their [draft guidance](#) for determining whether a plant is subject to Part V of the Canadian *Seeds Regulations*. Part V of the *Seeds Regulations* provides a mechanism to verify that the release of new plant does not have a negative impact on the Canadian environment or human health.

As drafted the guidance suggests that certain varieties of seed and grain, including conventionally bred products, may require an environmental safety assessment and authorization prior to import and release into the environment. The regulations do not appear to differentiate between biotech and conventionally bred products. NAEGA's comments seek clarity on when grain would require this authorization and recommend that CFIA clearly exclude conventionally bred seed and grain varieties from the scope of the proposed regulations, in alignment with Codex Alimentarius and Cartagena Biosafety frameworks which define genetic engineering as different from conventional breeding. The comments as submitted [can be found here](#).

### **Exporting to Venezuela**

NAEGA and U.S. Wheat Associates hosted a briefing from U.S. Government that provided guidance on exporting food and feed products to Venezuela, a country subject to sanctions. U.S. officials reported on exporting under the general license for food and medicine and the potential for use of the Export Credits Guarantee Program (GSM-102). For more information, related guidance from the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control is on this [page on Venezuela](#), visit [USDA's GSM-102 website](#) or reach out to NAEGA staff.

### **NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting**

NAEGA's Contracts Committee met on Tuesday, September 7 to discuss items of interest and prepare reports. The committee has begun the process of considering changes to the NAEGA 2 model F.O.B contract and is working to complete another in the series of arbitration training videos. The videos and background materials from the meeting are available on the [NAEGA Member's Only Website](#). If you are not a member of the committee and would like more information on its activities, please contact Patrick ([phayden@naega.org](mailto:phayden@naega.org)) or Gary ([gcmartin@naega.org](mailto:gcmartin@naega.org)).

### ***News:***

#### **Nominee for USTR Chief Agricultural Negotiator**

U.S. President Joe Biden [has announced his intent to nominate Elaine Trevino](#) as the Chief Agriculture Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative. Trevino is currently President of the California Almond Association and served as California's Deputy Secretary of Food and Agriculture from 2003-2004, where she oversaw the state's Agricultural Export Program. Her nomination will need to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

#### **USDA Announces Coalition for Productivity Growth**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will lead a "Coalition of Action on Sustainable Productivity Growth for Food Security and Resource Conservation" ahead of the U.N. Food Systems Summit, which begins on September 23. The goal of the coalition is to provide an alternative to the EU's Farm-to-Fork and biodiversity programs. The coalition will be open to participation will be open to countries, NGOs, academic organizations, farmer and producer groups, the private sector and "all organizations interested in advancing sustainable productivity growth." Details on the Coalition [can be found here](#).

## **USDA/APHIS Bulletin on Asian Gypsy Moth Inspections**

USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service [has issued a mid-season bulletin](#) regarding Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) inspections in foreign ports. The bulletin responds to reports that AGM inspections may not be available in some foreign ports due to COVID-19 restrictions on boarding vessels. Instructions for marine vessels entering United States ports which have called upon areas regulated for AGM and been refused an AGM inspection are included.

### ***Calendar & Member Notices:***

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

#### **September**

- 20-24** – USDA/FAS Europe Micro Regional Conference - Virtual
- 21** – USDA/APHIS Technical Webinar on Draft Regulatory Status Review Guide
- 22** – USDA/FAS Thailand and Vietnam Spotlight - Virtual
- 23** - U.N. Food Systems Summit – New York, NY

#### **October**

- 5** – NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting
- 11-15** – Meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP 15 and COP-MOP 10 – Part 1 - Virtual
- 18-23** – Potential NAEGA Regional Event in the U.S. Pacific Northwest
- 30-31** – G-20 Summit – Rome, Italy

#### **November**

- 2** - NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting
- TBD** – NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting
- TBD** - Potential NAEGA Regional Event in New Orleans
- 3-5** – North American Plant Protection Organization Annual Meeting - Virtual
- 17-18** – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Virtual
- 16** – IGTC General Assembly
- 29** - 12th WTO Ministerial Conference – Geneva, Switzerland

#### **December**

- 7** – NAEGA Contracts Committee Meeting

#### **2022**

##### **March**

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

##### **April**

- 25** - May 8 – Meeting of the Convention on biological diversity (CBD) COP 15 and COP-MOP 10 – Part 2 - Kunming, China

##### **December**

- TBD** – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

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