



Outreach

September 9, 2022

Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

Media of the Week: Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment

G7 \$600 billion counter to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) as follows the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment

- United States may invest \$200 billion
- EU may invest €300 billion
- Investments to be made in the next 5 years
- Coordination of funding streams including the EU's Global Gateway, the UK's Clean Green Initiative, and a Japanese regional connectivity plan under a common 'roof'.
- US national security advisor Jake Sullivan said the partnership would provide 'an alternative to what the Chinese are offering'
- In response, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said that "China continues to welcome all initiatives to promote global infrastructure development"

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

\$2 billion



From the US Department of Commerce and EXIM to develop a solar project in four southern Angolan provinces

\$600 million



From US telecoms company [SubCom](#) to build the Europe 6 submarine telecommunications cable that will connect Singapore to France through Egypt and the Horn of Africa

\$320 million



From [ABD group](#) for healthcare infrastructure projects in over 100 hospitals and clinics in Côte d'Ivoire

\$200 million



From USAID for a public-private partnership to address the gap in childcare infrastructure, boost women's employment, and early learning for children

Source: National Journal

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Member Notices & Opportunities:

Featured Events – Week of September 12, 2022

NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting – September 13, 2022

The NAEGA Production Technology Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 1pm Eastern time via MS Teams. The Committee's agenda includes an update on the Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange, GMO wheat and other key issues facing the industry. If you are not a member of the Committee and would like more information on its activities, or would like to take part in this meeting, please contact Gary or Patrick.

Taiwan Goodwill Mission Reception – September 13, 2022

NAEGA, U.S. Grains Council, the U.S. Soybean Export Council and U.S. Wheat Associates will host a reception honoring the Taiwanese Agricultural Goodwill Mission on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.. The reception will be held at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center – 775 12th ST NW, Washington DC, 20005. All NAEGA members are invited to attend. RSVPs can be sent to Catherine Miller of U.S. Wheat Associates at cmiller@uswheat.org.

NAEGA Washington DC Representatives Lunch – September 14, 2022

NAEGA members are welcome to attend the NAEGA Washington DC Representatives Lunch Meeting, on Wednesday, September 14 at Noon Eastern. The meeting will be held at the Carr Workplaces conference room in [the Foundry Building in Georgetown at 1050 30th Street NW, Washington, DC](#). For those of you who cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.

This meeting is an opportunity for NAEGA staff and the DC Member Representatives to connect in person to discuss key issues. Agenda items include reports on the NAEGA Trade & Global Food Security Library, the Plant & Biotechnology Information Exchange and other NAEGA initiatives, and we want to hear from you on other areas and issues we may want to address. If you would like more information on this event, please contact Gary or Patrick.

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting – September 15, 2022

The NAEGA Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Eastern Time** in the main conference room of the American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association at 1400 Crystal Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA and Via Microsoft Teams.

Board meetings are open to NAEGA Member Representatives to attend. If you would like to attend a portion or the entirety of the September 15 meeting, please contact Gary or Patrick. For those of you who cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.

NAEGA-NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop – October 19, 2022

[Registration is now open](#) for the NAEGA and the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) in-person and virtual Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop at the [Portland Merchants Exchange in Portland, Oregon on](#) Wednesday, October 19, 2022. An agenda as well as a formal invitation including registration information, will be available soon. Invitations to attend and present are being sent to the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, U.S. Coast Guard, USDA’s Federal Grain Inspection Service and Washington State Department of Agriculture. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or topics to cover, please let us know.

Opportunities for sponsorship of the workshop are available. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org for details.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Portland in October!

USDA/FAS Export Sales Reporting System

USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service’s (FAS) [has moved back to the legacy Export Sales Reporting and Maintenance System \(ESRMS\)](#) following issues with the launch of ESRMS 2.0, and no reporting has been suspended until September 15, 2022. [The legacy ESRMS system](#) will be used for filing reports until FAS determines that it can transition smoothly to ESRMS 2.0.

Meeting the objective for resuming reports on September 15 will require that exporters submit data to FAS on tight timelines, as presented in the below table. The next deadline for reporting export data is Friday, September 9:

ESRMS Reporting Period	ESRMS Open for Exporter Data Entry	ESRMS Closed for Exporter Data Entry
9/1/22 data	9/7/22 1:00 p.m. EDT	9/9/22 1:00 p.m. EDT
9/8/22 – MYCO corn, sorghum, soybeans	9/10/22 1:00 p.m. EDT	9/13/22 1:00 p.m. EDT
9/15/22 data – normal schedule	9/15/22 1:00 p.m. EDT	9/19/22 1:00 p.m. EDT

FAS has asked that NAEGA and its members distribute this information broadly in an effort to help ensure that accurate Export Sales Reports can resume on September 15.

NAEGA is committed to working with FAS and its members to both enable a prompt return to reports using the legacy system on September 15 and secure a smooth transition to the new system in the future. Please send any questions to: ESR@usda.gov.

Information Services:

Trade and Global Food Security Library

Several new entries related to China, sustainability and rising food prices were posted this week to the [NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library](#).

The Library is constantly being updated with reports on initiatives related to food systems, trade and global food security as well as outcomes from the UNFSS. The recent entries include several new documents on the use of glyphosate in Mexico and actions updated on Ukrainian grain exports

NAEGA members can access the Library through [the Trade and Global Food Security](#) page on the NAEGA website. 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.

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)

There are currently 2588 transgenic products from approximately 391 unique transgenic events 481 gene edited products in the [NAEGA 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. Currently, only NAEGA members have access to this unique tool. As part of membership your company is allowed up to five 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. 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.S.-Canada Grain Trade Website

Your comments and advice are welcome in response to the U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Resources website: <https://uscanadagraintrade.org/>. The public website is intended to facilitate trade between Canada and the U.S. and inform future NAEGA actions. The site contains question and answer modules for [American](#) and [Canadian](#) grain producers, as well as the [commercial grain trade](#), and will be updated regularly. Users are encouraged to review the modules and submit additional questions, which may be included in future updates.

Recent Actions:

CFTC Agricultural Advisory Committee

NAEGA [nominated Steve Strong of Bunge, a Member of the Board of Directors](#), to serve as NAEGA's representative on the Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Steve has represented NAEGA on the AAC twice before, and we thank him for his willingness to serve. CFTC will announce appointments later this year.

Current & Ongoing Actions

U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade & Investment Partnership

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) [is seeking public comments on matters relevant to specified trade areas, including Agriculture](#), in order to develop objectives and positions for enhanced engagement and subsequent negotiation of a U.S.- Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP). Under the STIP, the two governments will pursue high-level engagement leading to commitments in a wide range of areas, including measures to facilitate agricultural trade and enhance transparency and understanding of the application of science- and risk-based sanitary and phytosanitary measures. Comments are due to USTR on September 16, 2022

NAEGA is considering a response and your advice is welcome.

News:

Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment

Canada and the U.S. joined with other members of the Group of Seven (G7) in [announcing a plan that would help build global infrastructure](#) in middle-income countries and compete with China's Belt and Road Initiative. "The Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII)," has committed to \$600 billion in investments by 2027. Prospective investments in the PGII include €300 billion from the EU and \$200 billion from the U.S. over the next five years.

The initiative is a coordination of funding streams including the EU's Global Gateway, the UK's Clean Green Initiative, and a Japanese regional connectivity plan with additional American investment.

U.S. Hosts In-Person Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Meetings

The U.S. is hosting the first [in-person meeting of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework in Los Angeles on September 8-9](#). Thirteen countries have sent representatives to the two-day kickoff event.

The U.S. is focusing on non-tariff issues that can still deliver market access for American exporters. To secure broad participation, countries can choose which of the four negotiation streams they would like to sign on to: trade, labor and digital standards; clean energy and decarbonization; supply chain resilience; and tax and anti-corruption efforts.

USDA/FAS Report on Trends in Japanese Imports

USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service [reports on long-term trends in Japan's agricultural imports](#). The report found that Japan's decline in farmland, combined with a shortage of agricultural labor, changes in consumer diets, and the opening of the Japanese market, have boosted imports of many agricultural products. With the exception of animal fats, imports of most agricultural products, including corn, soybeans, wheat and vegetable oils have increased significantly over the last 40 years.

U.S. - Mexico Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Trade

A group of U.S. legislators from Florida [asked the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative \(USTR\) to investigate the imports of fresh fruit and vegetables](#) from Mexico on Friday September 9, claiming Mexican produce is a direct threat to Florida farmers. In a statement the group, led by Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott described these imports as “Mexico’s scheme to displace Florida’s seasonal and perishable agricultural industry from the U.S. market” and that is an “unreasonable trade practice that constitutes export targeting”. In 2021, following an investigation, the U.S. International Trade Commission said blueberry imports from countries including Mexico do not pose a serious threat to American farmers.

USTR Agricultural Trade Nominee Passes Senate Committee

The [U.S. Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved USDA adviser Doug McKalip](#) to be the chief agricultural negotiator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), sending the nomination to the full Senate for final approval. McKalip was nominated for the position in June 2022. The Senate has not yet scheduled a final vote.

Calendar & Member Notices:

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

2022

September

- 8** – NAEGA Grades & Inspections Committee Meeting - Virtual
- 13** – NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting- Virtual
- 13** – Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission Reception – Washington, DC
- 14** – NAEGA Washington DC Representatives Meeting - Washington, DC
- 15**– NAEGA Board of Directors and Committee Meetings – Washington, DC/Arlington, VA
- 21-23** – Inaugural International Plant Health Conference – London, UK

October

- 15** – Global Pulses Confederation and IGTC Meetings – Paris, France
- 19** – [NAEGA/NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop](#) – Portland, OR/Virtual

November

- 7-9** – [Dry Bulk Terminal Group Operational & Technical Conference](#) – Santander, Spain
- 17-18** – U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD
- 30**– [IGTC Events and General Assembly](#) – Brussels, Belgium/Virtual

December

TBD – COP 16 – CBD – Turkey

2023

March

21-21 – NGFA 2023 Convention - La Quinta, California

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