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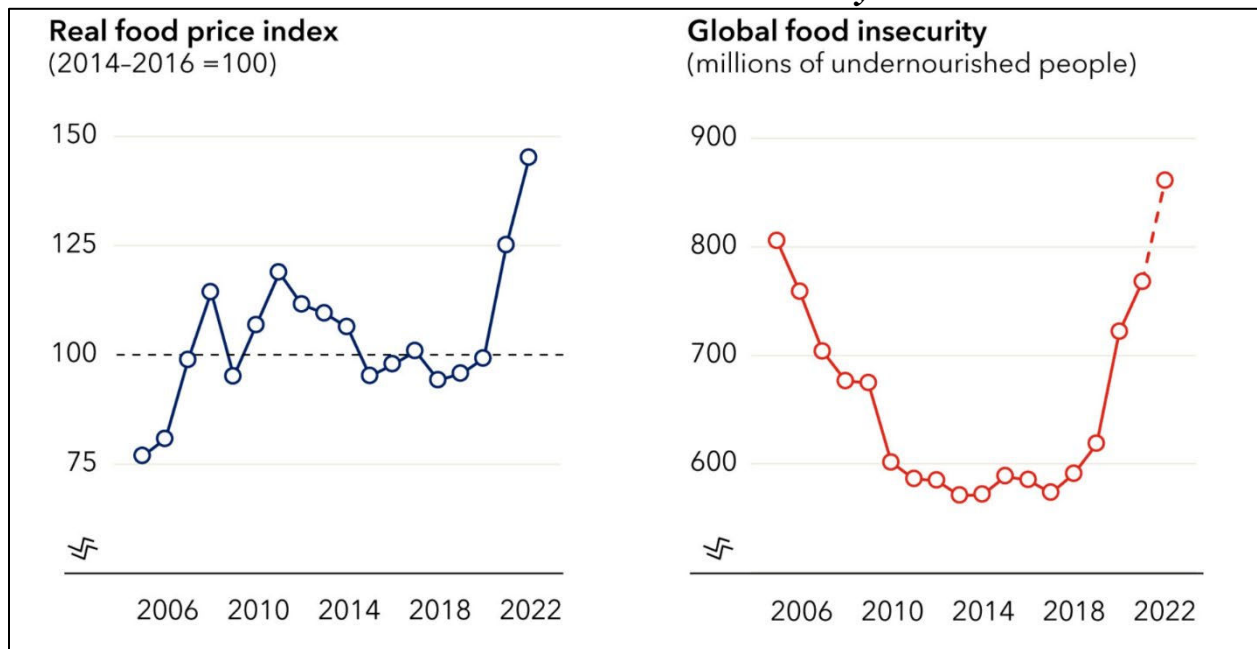
## Outreach

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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

### *Media of the Week:*

#### *Real Food Price and Global Food Insecurity – 2006-2022*



Source: U.N Food & Agriculture Organization

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**Featured Event**

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

[Please register here](#) 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 from 8:30am-3:30pm Pacific Time. There is no cost to attend this event. Presenters include the U.S. Coast Guard, USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service and Animal Plant & Health Inspection Service, and Washington State Department of Agriculture. [The current agenda can be found here](#). If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or topics to cover, or any other questions, please contact Patrick at [phayden@naega.org](mailto:phayden@naega.org) for details.

**NAEGA and NGFA thank United Grain for their sponsorship of this event.**

**ICDR Webinar on Arbitration**

The Young and International (Y&I) group of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) is hosting an upcoming webinar of potential interest to arbitrators:

- October 20 2022: [Webinar: Arbitration and Web3 Disputes: Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Metaverse and Smart Contracts](#)

This event is free and open to all. Registration information is linked above.

***News:***

**Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

October is [Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the United States](#). This year's theme is "See Yourself in Cyber," and the national campaign headed by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA) will focus on the "people" part of cybersecurity, providing information and resources to help educate stakeholders and the public.

CISA is asking industry partners to “See yourself as part of the solution,” putting operational collaboration into practice, working together to share information in real-time, and reducing risk and build resilience from the start to protect America's critical infrastructure and systems.

### **Geneva Update – WTO Public Forum**

On September 27-30, a Public Forum took place at the World Trade Organization in Geneva under the title “[Towards a sustainable and inclusive recovery: ambition to action](#)”. Topics discussed at this year’s Forum included: food security, climate change, green transition and sustainable development, trade facilitation, and women’s economic empowerment.

The increasing impact of climate change, slow post COVID-19 recovery, ongoing Russian military invasion of Ukraine and increased energy prices were repeatedly mentioned as main causes of economic shocks and global instability leading to inflation, food insecurity and poverty. Calls to harness the power of international trade to solve some of the biggest challenges were made by many high-level officials, representatives of international organizations and a variety of speakers.

NAEGA Geneva Envoy [Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy attended the Forum](#) and presented during a session on “Export of Grains in Times of War”.

More information on the WTO developments, food security, and related news can be accessed at the NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library [here](#).

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

#### **Letter to USTR on Fresh Produce Petition**

NAEGA joined industry partners in [submitting a letter to U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai](#) opposing recent petition requesting that the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative initiate a Section 301 investigation on fresh produce imports from Mexico. The letter notes that prior U.S. government investigations have found that Mexican imports have not injured that segment of the U.S. industry, and that even the threat of investigation could damage the U.S.-Mexico trade relationship.

#### **Geneva, Switzerland Trip Report**

A trip report for recent travel using NAEGA Market Access Program funding to Geneva, Switzerland [has been posted](#).

NAEGA President & CEO Gary C. Martin travelled to Geneva from August 30-September 3, 2022. A key purpose of the mission was to meet with Mr. Tang-Kai Wang, chair of the WTO SPS Committee, along with the SPS Committee Secretariat and representatives from the Mission to the WTO of Chinese Taipei on August 31. Mr. Martin also met with the Egyptian Ambassador to the WTO Dr. Ahmed Gamaleldin and held meetings related to furthering the International Grain Trade Coalition’s (IGTC) mission.

### ***Current & Ongoing Actions***

### **USTR Requests Input on Foreign Trade Barriers**

NAEGA is considering comments to the U.S. Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) for the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE Report). [USTR is inviting interested persons](#) to submit written comments to assist in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods and services. Comments related to the following categories of foreign trade barriers are encouraged: agricultural commodities, U.S. intellectual property, U.S. foreign direct investment by U.S. persons, especially if such investment has implications for trade in goods or services, and U.S. electronic commerce. The NTE report is published annually and is used U.S. negotiations aimed at reducing or eliminating these barriers and is a valuable tool in enforcing U.S. trade laws and strengthening the rules-based trading system. USTR will use this information to prepare the 2023 report. The deadline to submit comments is October 28, 2022.

Your advice is welcome. USTR indicates it is most interested in practices that violate U.S. trade agreements, new or updated information on the barriers covered in the [2021 report](#), or information on new barriers.

### ***Information Services:***

#### **Trade and Global Food Security Library**

Several new entries related to global food security and the WTO 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 a report from NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy on a WTO Public Forum entitled “Towards a sustainable and inclusive recovery: ambition to action” and a World Bank Group report on “Poverty and Shared Prosperity”

NAEGA members can access the Library through [the Trade and Global Food Security](#) page on the NAEGA website, and beginning September 30, users receive a monthly digest. 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 2619 transgenic products from approximately 391 unique transgenic events 483 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](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.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.

## Calendar & Member Notices:

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

### 2022

#### October

15 – Global Pulses Confederation Meeting – Paris, France

19 – [NAEGA/NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Industry Workshop](#) – Portland, OR/Virtual

20 – [ICDR Webinar on Arbitration and Web3 Disputes: Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, Metaverse and Smart Contracts](#)

#### 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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