



Outreach

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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From all of us at NAEGA!

We look forward to working with you in the New Year

Media of the Week:

Herb Yeaman Accepts the NAEGA Service Award



Retiring President & CEO of Degesch America with the NAEGA Service Award on Tuesday, December 13. NAEGA President & CEO Gary C. Martin presented the award and made remarks at a Detia Degesch leadership meeting in Richmond, Virginia. The NAEGA service award is presented in appreciation for exemplary service to the Association and to Industry. Herb began at Degesch in 1983 and will retire at the end of 2022. Since Degesch joined NAEGA in 1991, Herb has served as the primary member representative, served on the Grades & Inspections Committee,

and has provided valuable input on countless NAEGA initiatives. Please join us in congratulating Herb on his many accomplishments and wishing him a happy retirement!

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Member Notices & Opportunities:

IGC Webinar on Sustainability in the Grains Value Chain – Speakers Needed!

The International Grains Council (IGC) will host a webinar: “*Sustainability in the grains value chain*” NAEGA members are invited to join us as panelists. Please contact Gary (gcmartin@naega.org) if you are a colleagues want to present. The virtual event on Thursday, January 5 from 9:00am – 11:00am Eastern Time. is free to attend A preliminary agenda, as well as details on registration, is [available here](#).

2023 USDA/FGIS Grain Exporter Registration

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) [opened registration](#) for the U.S. Grain Exporter Registration list and waiver requests for the 2023 calendar year. The U.S Grain Standards Act requires registration for anyone engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce. The Act waives official inspection and weighing for exporters who

export less than 15,000 Metric Tons (MT) of grain, on an individual elevator basis during the preceding calendar year, and plan to export less than 15,000 MT of grain during the current calendar year. Exporters and individual elevator operators must request and receive a waiver from FGIS.

Registration and waiver requests are required annually and FGIS publishes official lists of U.S. companies and organizations registered or operating under waiver or exemption to buy, handle, weigh, or transport grain for sale in foreign commerce.

Individuals who handle, weigh, or transport grain for sale in foreign commerce also must register. If your company is required to register and has not yet done so, please do so at your earliest convenience. These lists are shared with foreign governments upon request to assist U.S. grain movement in various markets.

Instructions on how to register or renew a registration as a grain or oilseed exporter, or apply for a waiver, are [available through this link](#).

USDA Seeks Contact Information for ERMS 2.0 Testing & Training

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is updating its exporter contact information in the Export Sales Reporting and Maintenance System (ESRMS) to prepare for the relaunch of ESRMS 2.0 later in 2023.

FAS has requested that NAEGA members provide contact information for the individuals within your company responsible for the weekly export sales and shipment data submissions. The designated contacts will be invited to provide feedback on the new ESRMS 2.0 system and invited for user-testing and training.

You can send the contact information for the individuals using ESRMS via email directly to Amy.Harding@usda.gov with the subject line "Updated Contact Information – Firm #.", along with the following information: Company Name, ESRMS Firm Number, First & Last Name of the contact and their email address.

FAS requests that contact information be submitted by Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

2023 NAEGA Annual Meetings – March 21-22, 2023 – LaQuinta, California

Please save the dates of March 21-22 for the 2023 NAEGA Annual Meetings. NAEGA events are being planned at the [LaQuinta Resort and Club](#) in LaQuinta, California and virtually via MS Teams. NAEGA events are free of charge for member personnel and their guests. The meetings will be held alongside the NGFA Convention, occurring March 21-23, also at the La Quinta Resort. Registration and hotel information will be included with the 2023 Member Packets in early January.

Employment Opportunities at NAEGA

NAEGA is recruiting for a paid intern position and Director of Operations, starting in early 2023. Both positions will be located out of the NAEGA office at 1400 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA

22202. Position details on the internship and how to apply will be available soon. If you know of anyone with an interest, please have them contact Patrick at phayden@naega.org.

Current & Ongoing Actions:

U.S Government Request on Biotechnology Regulation

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) — in coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) — [has issued a request for information](#) related to the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology.

This request seeks relevant data and information to help identify regulatory ambiguities, gaps, inefficiencies, or uncertainties in the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology, including case studies and other data that relate to new and emerging biotechnology products. The information provided will “improve the clarity and efficiency of the regulatory processes for biotechnology”.

The deadline for comments to FDA is February 3, 2022. NAEGA is considering a response and your comments and input are appreciated.

Recent Actions:

Fumigation Webinar for Japan Importers

NAEGA hosted a webinar on fumigation for the Japan Feed Trade Association (JFTA) and Grain Importers Association (GIA) on Monday, December 19. Following inquiries from JFTA related to Japan’s upcoming implementation of a Phytosanitary Certificate requirement for corn imports, NAEGA offered to provide an overview of the fumigation process and address questions from JFTA and GIA members. Degesch America joined NAEGA staff in providing a presentation on the fumigation process. NAEGA plans to continue to engage JFTA on this issue, including plans for an in-person meeting in Tokyo later this year.

News:

Geneva Update – December

- On December 8-9, 2022, the WTO held its Annual Symposium of the WTO Agriculture and Commodities Division in the form of an **Agri-Food Business Day**. The goal of this event was to promote dialogue between WTO Members and the agri-food industry on pertinent issues in international trade in food and agricultural commodities, and the specific barriers to trade facing the industry.
- On December 14 and 16, 2022, the 15th review of the trade policies and practices of the United States took place at the WTO. The basis for the review was a report by the WTO Secretariat and a report by the Government of the United States of America (both available here). In the course of the review, 32 WTO members together raised more than 2,000 written questions to the US, concerning US policies such as the so-called Inflation

Reduction Act, the "Chips and Science Act" and its procurement policies, and the generalization of the national security concept

NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya Khrystyna-Koziy details these and other recent WTO events in her [December 2022 Geneva Update](#).

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

IPPC Call for Information on Plant Health and Humanitarian Aid

[The International Plant Protection Convention \(IPPC\) Secretariat requests information material](#) and case studies on food and other humanitarian aid being able to carry plant pests. The IPPC will use information submitted to inform the work of the [IPPC and the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid](#). IPPC notes that the need to manage pest risk effectively becomes even more crucial when it comes to countries experiencing a humanitarian disaster. Once invasive pests and diseases are established in a new area, their eradication may be difficult and require additional resources that may not be readily available.

Submissions are due on January 25, 2023. If you or your company have information material or any case study that you would like to contribute, they can be sent via e-mail to the IPPC Secretariat via Adriana Moreira at Adriana.Moreira@fao.org.

U.S. Senate Confirms USDA Trade Nominee

The [U.S Senate confirmed Alexis Taylor as the U.S. Agriculture Department's Undersecretary of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs on Wednesday, December 22](#). Taylor, most recently director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture has pledged to address farmers' concerns about insufficient foreign market access in her new role.

The vote on the nomination of Doug McKalip to be the Chief Agricultural Negotiator at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative is still pending, though the months-long hold on his nomination has been lifted by Senator Bob Mendez (D-NJ) and McKalip may receive a vote in the Senate before the end of the year.

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. Recent entries include the WTO Director-General's annual overview of developments in the international trading environment and country statements from the COP-27 conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

NAEGA members can access the Library through [the Trade and Global Food Security](#) page on the NAEGA website and 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 2694 transgenic products from approximately 415 unique transgenic events 487 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.

Calendar & Member Notices:

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

2023

January

5 – IGC Webinar on “Sustainability in the Grains Value Chain”

25 – International Grains Council (IGC) 57th IGC Council Session – London, UK

February

23-24 – 2023 USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum – Arlington, VA/Virtual

March

7-9 –Canadian Crops Convention – Ottawa, Canada

21-22 – NAEGA Annual Meetings - La Quinta, California

21-23 – NGFA 2023 Convention - La Quinta, California

May

15-17 – DBTG operational & technical Conference – Tampa, Florida

June

13-14 - IGC Grains Conference – London, UK

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