



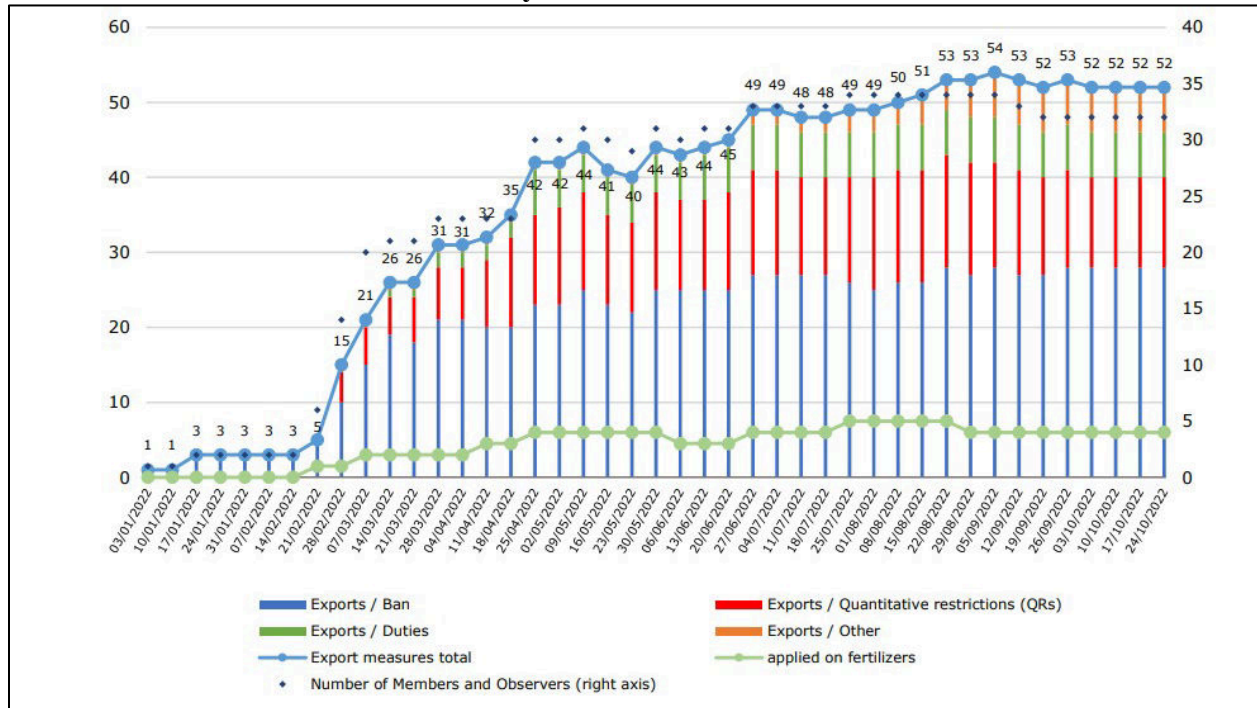
Outreach

December 8, 2022

Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

Media of the Week:

Growth in Number of Export Restrictions on Food, Feed and Fertilizers January 2022-November 2022



Source: [World Trade Organization](https://www.wto.org/)

This OUTREACH includes:

Member Notices & Opportunities

- Employment Opportunities at NAEGA
- 2023 USDA/FGIS Grain Exporter Registration
- IGC Webinars on Sustainability in the Grains Value Chain

Recent Actions

- CFTC Agricultural Advisory Committee

- Letter on U.S. Agricultural Trade Nominees
- MAP Travel to Brussels, Belgium

News

- IPPC Call for Information on Plant Health and Humanitarian Aid
- Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Proposed Text
- Geneva Update – November – December 6, 2022

Information Services

- Trade and Global Food Security Library
- Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange
- U.S.-Canada Grain Trade Website

Member Notices & Opportunities:

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.

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. Registrations completed and waivers requested by December 15, 2022, will be included in the January 2023 exporter registration and waiver lists. 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](#).

IGC Webinars on Sustainability in the Grains Value Chain

The International Grains Council (IGC) will [host two free webinars on Sustainability in the grains value chain](#): the first on Thursday, December 15 from 9:00am – 11:00am Eastern Time, will focus on supply side sustainability strategies and the second on Thursday, January 5 from 9:00am – 11:00am Eastern Time, will feature a region-by-region sustainability assessment. Agendas for both meetings, as well as details on registration, are [available here](#).

Recent Actions:

CFTC Agricultural Advisory Committee

NAEGA Senior Advisor and outside counsel Tom Erickson presented on “Low Water Levels on the Mississippi River: Implications for International Trade” on behalf of NAEGA to the [Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s Agricultural Advisory Committee \(AAC\)](#) on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. The AAC reached out to NAEGA to provide an industry perspective on the issue. The entire meeting, including Tom’s presentation, [will be available at the CFTC website](#). Steve Strong represents NAEGA on the AAC.

Letter on U.S. Agricultural Trade Nominees

NAEGA joined a broad coalition of industry partners [in submitting a letter to U.S. Senate leadership](#) in support of quick action to approve Doug McKalip to serve as Chief Agricultural Negotiator at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and Alexis Taylor to serve as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Both nominees have had their nominations advanced to the Senate for approval, but no votes are currently scheduled.

MAP Travel to Brussels, Belgium

NAEGA staff traveled to Brussels, Belgium from November 28-December 2, 2022 to attend and participate in meetings and activities surrounding the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC’s) 2022 General Assembly (GA). NAEGA was a co-sponsor of the meetings and led a roundtable discussion with a number of foreign missions to the European Union. NAEGA President Gary C. Martin was re-elected to a two-year term as IGTC President at the GA.

NAEGA staff also took part in meetings with members of the European Parliament and the European Commission. IGTC’s report on the General Assembly [can be found here](#). A NAEGA Trip Report will be available on the NAEGA Member’s Only website soon.

News:

Geneva Update – November 21- December 5 During the WTO Agriculture Committee meeting on November 21-22, 2022, members raised 29 new issues regarding each other’s agricultural policies, including China’s new farm initiatives, the European Union’s new Common Agricultural Policy, India’s food security policies and the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act. In addition, Russia raised questions on some agricultural restrictive measures introduced by a group of members. In response, the US, Canada, the UK, the EU and others indicated that in light of the Russian Federation’s unprovoked and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine, they will not engage in business-as-usual activity in the WTO with the delegation of the Russian Federation.

NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya Khrystyna-Koziy details this and other recent WTO events in her [November 21-December 5 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](#).

Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Proposed Text

U.S. trade officials [have distributed their initial proposals for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework](#) economic initiative in Asia to the 13 countries that will gather in Brisbane, Australia, on December 10, 2022 for the first round of in-person negotiations.

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework is divided into four pillars — a pillar on fair trade to be negotiated by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), as well as pillars on supply chains, clean energy, and anti-corruption and tax that will be negotiated by the Commerce Department.

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.

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

2022

November

December

7-19 – [10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety](#) - Montreal, Canada

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

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

June

13-14 - IGC Grains Conference – London, UK

Thank you for your membership and work with NAEGA. This copyrighted report is intended for the use of NAEGA membership only. The accuracy of the information reported and interpreted is not guaranteed. All contents are subject to correction and revision. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture NAEGA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. NAEGA is an equal opportunity employer

To be removed from the NAEGA OUTREACH email list please send a message to membersonly@naega.org with the phrase “Unsubscribe from OUTREACH” in the subject line.

All users of NAEGA Information and Services Expressly Understand and Agree to indemnify and hold harmless, NAEGA, their officers, employees and agents from any and all liability including claims, demands, losses, costs damages, and expenses of every kind and description, or damages to persons or property arising out of or in connections with or occurring during the course of interaction with NAEGA.