



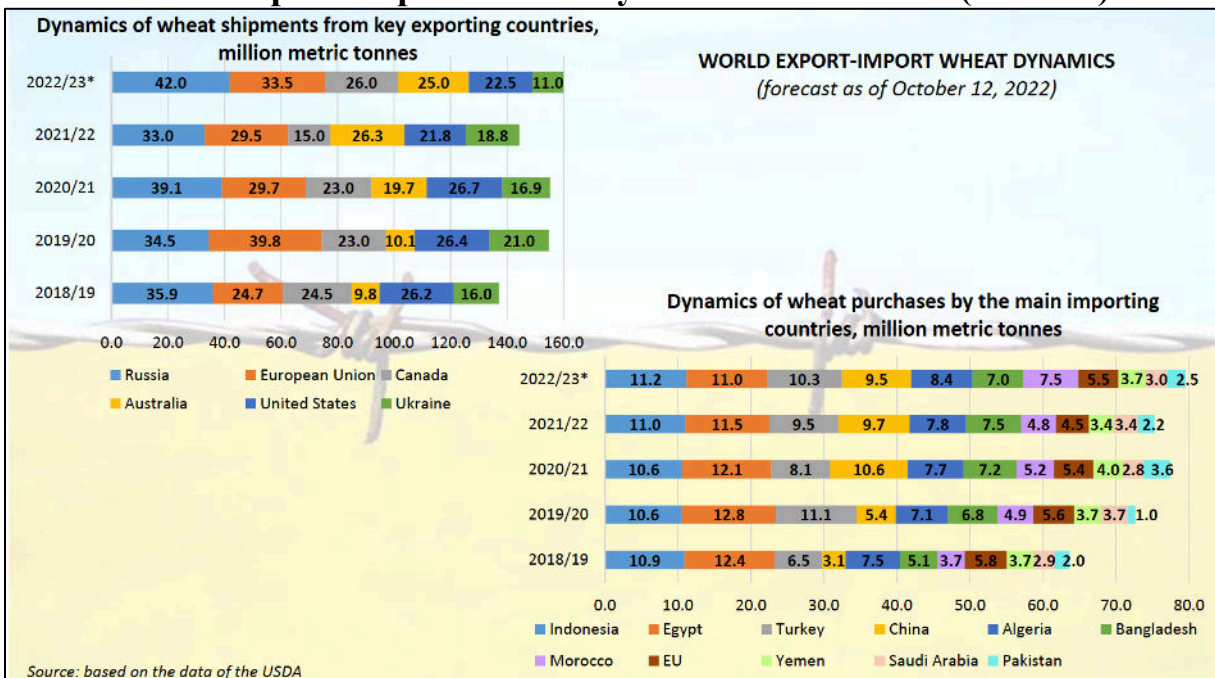
Outreach

November 1, 2022

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Media of the Week:

World Export-Import Wheat Dynamics - 2018-2023 (forecast)



Source: World Trade Organization

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Member Notices & Opportunities:

Featured Event

USAEDC Annual Workshop – November 16-18, Baltimore, MD

NAEGA members and are invited to join Patrick at the U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC) will hold its annual workshop from November 16-18, 2022 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. [This year's agenda includes](#) updates from USAD/FAS Director Dan Whitley, an overview of USDA's trade agenda for 2023, and breakout sessions on sustainability and other topics on the future of agriculture trade. There is a cost to attend. Please contact Patrick for more information.

USDA/FAS Spotlight on COP 27

USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) [will host a spotlight preview](#) on the 27th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 27) on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 11am Eastern. NAEGA members who would like to join this briefing should email Patrick at phayden@naega.org for meeting coordinates.

Current & Ongoing Actions

MAP Travel to Santander, Spain and Geneva, Switzerland

NAEGA President Gary C. Martin will travel to Santander, Spain from November 5-11 2022. The primary purpose of the trip is to attend and take part in the [International Dry Bulk Terminals Group \(IDBTG\) 2022 Operations and Technical Conference](#). The IDBTG is integral to NAEGA's work related the International Maritime Organization, ocean transportation, port operations and sustainable GRNOS trade. Gary is as a member of the organization's Executive Committee and will be presenting and leading discussion on food systems innovations and strategy. NAEGA is

also one of the sponsors of this event. NAEGA member personnel who may be attending these events are invited to connect with Gary during his time in Spain.

Gary will then travel to Geneva, Switzerland from November 13-17. Gary and NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy will attend for [Global Grain Geneva 2022](#) and are arranging for discussions with other decision leaders and government officials regarding the global grain trade and food security. Gary and Mariya are also seeking meetings with NAEGA member staff during Gary's time in Switzerland.

Mexico Decree for Inflation Control

[The Mexican Government announced the Opening Agreement against Inflation and Scarcity \(APECIC\) between the Government of Mexico and fifteen private companies, aimed at combatting food price inflation.](#) The agreement, which was published in Mexico's Federal Register on October 19, 2022, extends through February 2023 and provides the fifteen signatory companies with temporary exemption from Mexico's import requirements for food and food packaging administrated by Mexico's import regulatory authorities. Other provisions include a ban on Mexico's exports of white corn, beans, sardines, and some food packaging materials plus a suspension of the development of new regulations that would impede trade or increase food import costs.

We are considering how or if there is an effective way to respond and have reached out to our sister organization in Mexico, APPAMEX, for insight on how this measure might impact trade between the U.S. and Mexico, and it's connection to the December 31, 2020 Presidential Decree banning the use and imports of glyphosate and restricts the use genetically modified (GM) corn. We will continue to update you as the situation develops.

News:

Canada Seeks IPEF Membership

Canada will seek membership in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) to further economic cooperation in the region. The U.S. and Canada also agreed to hold a Strategic Dialogue on the Indo-Pacific. [In a joint statement, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly noted that both countries](#) "believe in deepening our diplomatic and economic ties as well as strengthening the resiliency of our global supply chain." No date has been set for the Strategic Dialogue.

In September, [IPEF members agreed on parameters for the for negotiations.](#) The IPEF currently includes Australia, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the U.S.

Geneva Update – WTO Trade and Environment Week

On October 17-21, 2022, Trade and Environment Week was held at the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the margin of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE). The third edition of this event gave government officials, business representatives, international organizations, academics, and the public a forum to discuss ways to make global trade more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive. Participants covered a wide range of issues, including traceability of supply chains,

plastics pollution, climate change and adaptation, sustainable development, the circular economy transition, and environmental goods and services. Discussions showed an increasing sense of urgency among some WTO Members for the Organization to not only recognize environmental challenges but also commit to addressing them.

NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya Khrystyna-Koziy details this and other recent WTO events in her [October 28 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](#).

Russia Suspends Participation in Black Sea Grain Initiative

Russia [suspended its participation in the U.N.-brokered Black Sea Grain Initiative](#) on Saturday, October 29 after a drone attack that damaged at least one of its warships near the Crimean city of Sevastopol. The agreement, which allowed Ukrainian grain shipments safe passage through the Black Sea, had been in place since July, with more than 9.5 million tons of corn, wheat, sunflower products, barley, rapeseed and soy exported under the agreement. The U.N, Turkey, and the Ukraine have pledged to continue shipping under the agreement, with a transit plan for 16 ships filed on Monday, October 31. Russia has said that it “cannot guarantee the safety” of these vessels.

USTR Rejects Florida Petition on Mexico Season Produce

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) rejected a petition from a group of U.S. legislators from Florida lawmakers to open a Section 301 investigation into the importation of fresh fruits and vegetable from Mexico. NAEGA joined other industry partners in opposing the petition. [UTSR announced that it will instead establish a private-sector industry advisory panel](#) to recommend measures to promote the competitiveness of producers of seasonal and perishable produce in the southeastern United States

Recent Actions:

NAEGA Board of Directors Meeting

The NAEGA Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 25 via MS Teams. The Board considered the 2023 NAEGA budget and potential NAEGA initiatives. Draft meeting minutes will be posted to the NAEGA Member’s Only website.

NAEGA-NGFA Pacific Northwest Regional Workshop

NAEGA and the National Grain & Feed Association co-hosted an in-person regional industry workshop, on October 19, 2022 in Portland, Oregon. Presenters included USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service and Federal Grain Inspection Service, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Copies of the presentations, as well as selected video will be posted to the Grades and Inspections Committee page of the NAEGA Member’s Only website.

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

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 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Strategic Plan for Science for 2023 and an infographic from the U.N on the role of the Black Sea Grain initiative in exporting grain from Ukraine.

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 2661 transgenic products from approximately 415 unique transgenic events 485 gene edited products in the [NAEGA PBIE](#).

The PBIE now includes transgenic cotton seed approved for cultivation for use as food and feed. Currently, only U.S. approvals are included as reference entries. The next step will be to add import approval for countries that import cotton for feed purposes, such as Taiwan. This update will be completed in November.

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

6-18 – [27th United National Climate Change Conference \(COP-27\)](#) - Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

7-9 – [Dry Bulk Terminal Group Operational & Technical Conference](#) – Santander, Spain

15-17 – [Global Grains Geneva](#) – Geneva, Switzerland

17-18 – [U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council Annual Workshop](#) – Baltimore, MD

30– [IGTC Events and General Assembly](#) – Brussels, Belgium/Virtual

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

2023

March

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

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