

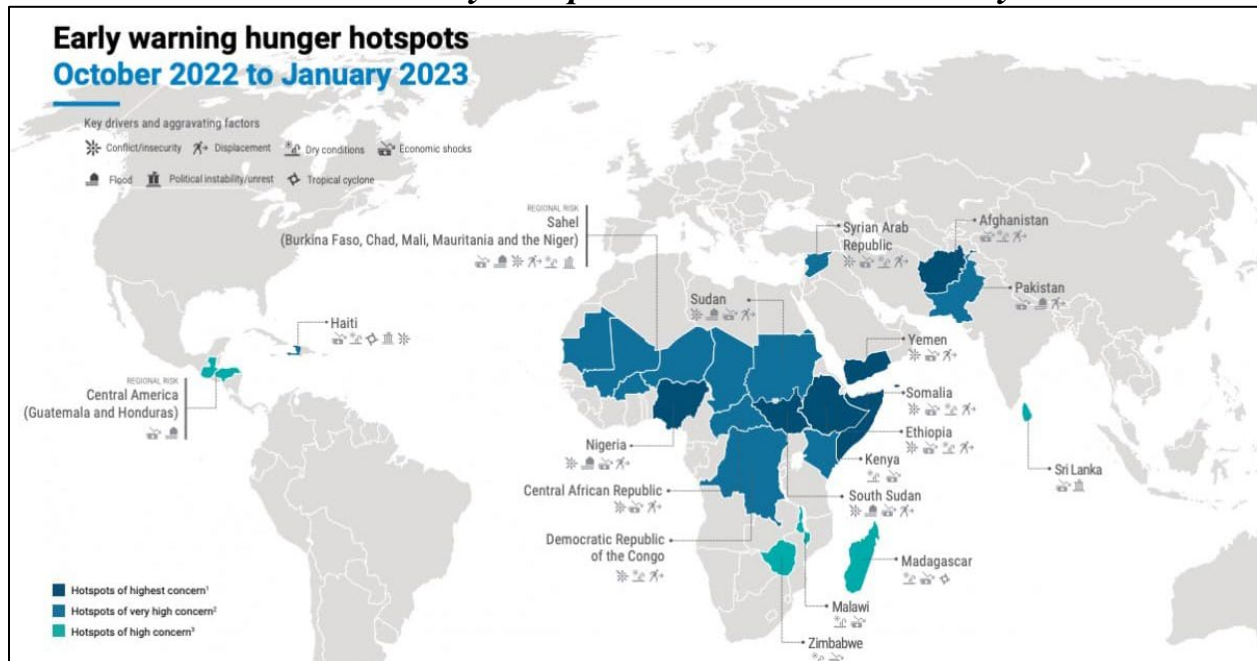


## Outreach

February 16, 2023

Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

### *Media of the Week: Global Food Security Hotspots – October 2022-January 2023*



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### ***Member Notices & Opportunities:***

#### **Featured Item - IGTC Africa Grains Weeks – May 6-17, 2023**

The International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) will hold its first [African Grains Weeks](#) from May 6-17 in Kenya (Nairobi) and South Africa (Pretoria, Johannesburg, and Bothaville). IGTC is coordinating business events and educational tours in both countries, with assistance of the Eastern Africa Grains Council (EAGC) and the South Africa Cereals and Oilseeds Trade Association (SACOTA).

NAEGA member and associate member personnel are welcome to attend. Complete information, including registration information, the itinerary of planned activities and cost to attend, can be found [here](#).



**REGISTER NOW!**  
NAEGA's 2023 Annual Meetings March 20-22

[Please register yourself and your guests here](#)

All NAEGA member and associate member personnel and their guests are welcome to attend in person or virtually the NAEGA Annual Meetings on March 20-22, 2023. We will convene the

meetings in person at the [La Quinta Resort & Club](#) in La Quinta, California, near Palm Springs, and virtually via MS Teams.

There is no cost for NAEGA member and associate member personnel and their guests to attend the NAEGA meetings.

Preceded by Committee meetings on March 20-22, the Members' meeting on March 22 will include a working Lunch for all member and associate member personnel and guests attending in person. [The current agenda can be found here.](#)

All events will be alongside the [2023 NGFA Convention](#) on March 21-23 at the La Quinta Resort and Club.

Want to attend the NGFA Convention?

- Personnel from NAEGA members **who are not members of NGFA** also have access to NGFA member pricing for their convention. [Please contact us to register for the NGFA convention as a non-NGFA member.](#)
- If your company is an NGFA member and plans to attend their events, [please click here](#) for NGFA registration and hotel information.

Need guest rooms?

- If your company is not a member of NGFA, we will arrange rooms for you. [Please email us](#) for assistance with a guest room.
- If your company is a member of NGFA, please reserve your room via [NGFA's Registration site.](#)

Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions. More information on committee meetings and detailed agendas will be available soon.

We are looking forward to seeing you in La Quinta! [Please register yourself and your guests here.](#) indicate if attendance will be in person or virtually, and make your hotel reservations. **Registration will close on March 10.**

### **2022 Member Packet**

2023 brings new opportunities and continued NAEGA service and support for our Members. Each member representative was sent an email with the Annual Member Meeting notice and membership invoice. If your company has not received the email, please contact NAEGA staff as soon as possible. **All dues and export volume fees are due by February 15, 2023.**

### **USDA/FAS ESRMS 2.1 Outreach Sessions**

The USDA/FAS Export Sales Reporting team will hold three Outreach Sessions between February 23-March 23, 2023, to give exporters a chance to provide input on how to improve the Export Sales Reporting and Maintenance System 2.1 (ESRMS 2.1).

The sessions will include a brief demonstration of the current ESRMS 2.1 design and facilitate a discussion about the best ways to upload exporter data into ESRMS 2.1. FAS requests that

companies that will use ESRMS 2.1 ask your respective data-entry personnel and IT teams to attend one of the sessions to give them the opportunity to ask any questions on the ESRMS 2.1 structure and how it may or may not work with your existing system(s).

FAS requests that personnel who will be using the ESRMS 2.1 plan on attending at least one of the sessions. There is no limit to how many sessions one can attend.

Outreach Sessions will be presented in MS Teams and are scheduled to take place on the following days:

Thursday, February 23, 2023, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

FAS has set up an RSVP form for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Session at:

<https://forms.office.com/g/NGucGyH3PC>. Registration for that session closes at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, February 22.

All Outreach Sessions will be recorded and saved to the following site: <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrms/media/index.html>.

**The NAEGA Trade & Food Security Library is Now Available to Download as an App!**  
NAEGA members can now access the [NAEGA Trade and Global Food Security Library](#) via a progressive web app for both Android and Apple mobile devices. [Instructions on installing the app and connecting to your account can be found here.](#)

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 presentations from the WTO's Agri-Food Business Day and the Codex Alimentarius consultation on decision making on pesticide residues

If you need login credentials or are having any trouble using the app, please let Patrick know.

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

#### **Comments to U.S. Government on Biotechnology**

[NAEGA joined industry partners in responding to a Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) from the U.S. White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) [seeking relevant data and information to help identify regulatory ambiguities, gaps, inefficiencies, or uncertainties in the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology](#) (Coordinated Framework).

The comments commend OSTP for undertaking a review of the Coordinated Framework and recommended the following changes and improvements: Mandatory Notification when a new gene-edited or transgenic product is released into the commercial market; reorganization of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to improve structure, leadership, culture, transparency, and accountability within the FDA's human foods program; Bringing additional agencies into the

Coordinated Framework, such as USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service, to take international markets into account when considering a new gene-edited or transgenic product; and including clear and simple communication and guidance when conducting oversight.

### **MAP Travel to London, United Kingdom – January 17-21, 2023**

NAEGA President Gary C. Martin traveled to London, United Kingdom, from January 17-21, 2023. While in London Gary advanced NAEGA's Unified Export Strategy objectives by advancing communication on best commercial and official practices, including international regulatory coordination and compatibility at several meetings and events. Gary attended, took part and presented at events surrounding the 57th Session of the International Grains Council (IGC), including participation in a panel discussion on grain trade in the Black Sea region and in an open discussion with the IGC Chairperson on sustainability in the grains value chain during IGC's Grain Forum. A trip report will be available on the NAEGA Member's Only website soon.

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

#### **MAP Travel to Geneva, Switzerland– February 13-17, 2023**

NAEGA President Gary C. Martin is traveling to Geneva, Switzerland through February 17, 2023. The trip's primary purpose is to meet with NAEGA and International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) Stakeholders and vendors based in Geneva. Additionally, Mr. Martin and NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy are working to arrange discussions with other decision leaders and government officials, including USDA/FAS Post regarding the global grain trade and food security.

### ***News:***

#### **APHIS Amends Karnal Bunt Regulated Areas**

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) amended the Karnal bunt regulated areas in the U.S. for 2023. Following a review of the results of the 2022 survey of Karnal bunt-regulated areas, APHIS is reducing the regulated area in La Paz, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties in Arizona. [APHIS publishes a revised Karnal bunt quarantine area description and a map of regulated areas annually.](#) APHIS regulates this plant disease because many trading partners require that U.S. wheat be certified as grown in areas free of Karnal bunt. More information on Karnal bunt is available at the following website: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/kb>

**Xochitl Torres Small Nominated to Serve as Deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture**  
[U.S. President Joe Biden has nominated current Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small](#) to serve as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. She would replace current Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh, who recently announced plans to step down. Under Secretary Small will need to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate for this post. She received bipartisan support when the Senate approved her nomination to her current post in 2021.

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

**Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)**

There are currently 2765 transgenic products from approximately 415 unique transgenic events and 491 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 the 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 regularly updated question-and-answer modules for [American](#) and [Canadian](#) grain producers, as well as the [commercial grain trade](#). 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**

##### **February**

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

##### **March**

**7-9** – Canadian Crops Convention – Ottawa, Canada

**20-22** – NAEGA Annual Meetings - La Quinta, California

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

##### **May**

**9-17** – IGTC Africa Grains Weeks – Kenya and South Africa

**15-17** – DBTG Operational & Technical Conference – Tampa, Florida

##### **June**

**13-14** - IGC Grains Conference – London, UK

**14-16** – APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Cancun, MX

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