



Outreach
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Thank you for your membership in and work with NAEGA

Welcome to New NAEGA Member StoneX Commodity Solutions

Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, StoneX Commodity Solutions operates a commodity financing and trade facilitation business that provides working capital to commodity-related companies for the finance of commodity inventory and hedge margin. Additionally, Stone X utilizes physical commodity trade to provide forward pricing and supply chain management services.

We are looking forward to working with Stone X Commodity Solutions and its contributions to NAEGA.

Media of the Week:

WTO estimates on the Trade Impact of Russia’s war in Ukraine –February 2022



Source – [One Year of War in Ukraine - WTO](#)

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Member Notices & Opportunities:



**REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY MARCH 10!
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 schedule of events, including all meeting times and locations, 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? The La Quinta is sold out, but we can provide you with a list of nearby options for lodging.

Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions. Detailed agendas and relevant materials 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.**

USDA/FAS ESRMS 2.1

On March 9 and 23, 2023, the USDA/FAS Export Sales Reporting is conducting virtual training and testing of the new mandatory 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. Questions are welcome including those on the ESRMS 2.1 structure and how it may or may not work with existing data management system(s).

FAS requests that companies that will use ESRMS 2.1 ask their respective [data-entry personnel and IT teams](#) to attend at least one the three virtual training and testing sessions it conducts in advance of the role out later this year of ESRMS 2.1.

The last 2 FAS ESRMS sessions will be recorded and conducted on MS Teams:

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

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

Register by 3 p.m. tomorrow for March 9 here: <https://forms.office.com/g/NGucGyH3PC>. A recording of the previous session is here: <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/esrms/media/index.html>.

Production Technology Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 15

The NAEGA Production Technology Committee will meet via MS Teams on Wednesday, March 15 at 1pm Eastern/12pm Central/10am Pacific time. Discussion topics will include the Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange, Mexico and GMO corn, pesticide residue MRLs and the Board Report the Committee will present on March 22. If you are not a member of the Committee and would like to take part in the meeting, or would like more information about the Committee's work, please contact Gary or Patrick.

IGTC Africa Grains Weeks – May 6-17, 2023

NAEGA member and associate member personnel are welcome to attend [Africa Grains Weeks Programs](#) from May 6-17 in Kenya (Nairobi) and South Africa (Pretoria, Johannesburg, and Bothaville). The International Grain Trade Coalition (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).

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

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 the report from the WTO on the global trade impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and updates on the Black Sea Grain initiative.

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

Recent Actions:

APHIS Grain Sector Meeting

USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) hosted NAEGA and other industry partners for a Grain Commodity Sector Meeting. The meeting, the first since 2021, provided NAEGA the opportunity to interact directly with APHIS staff. Following an overview of issues by APHIS, NAEGA and other attendees provided feedback on APHIS actions and areas of concern. Topics addressed included Japan's upcoming implementation of Phytosanitary Certification for corn and other products; Thailand's fumigation requirements and market access; China's Decree 177; Vietnam's requirements related to *Cirsium Arvense* (thistle) seeds in grain. The Biotechnology Regulatory Service of APHIS discussed its approach to gene editing and new

biotech products. The APHIS administrator committed to report back on the role APHIS will play in APEC meetings hosted by the U.S. government this year.

Geneva, Switzerland– February 13-17, 2023

NAEGA President Mr. Gary C. Martin traveled to Geneva, Switzerland from February 13-17, 2023. While in Geneva, Gary advanced NAEGA's Unified Export Strategy objectives through meetings and consultations with the representatives of the UN Conference on Trade and Development and the Standards and Trade Development Facility; the Chair of the World Trade Organization Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures; as with several high-level officials from national delegations. Gary also met with NAEGA and International Grain Trade Coalition stakeholders and vendors based in Geneva. A trip report will be available on the NAEGA Member's Only website soon.

News:

Geneva Update

NAEGA Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna-Koziy provides details on the following and other recent WTO events in her [February 2023 Geneva Update](#).

- Selection of a new Chair of the Committee on Agriculture in Special Session in early 2023 gives hope for a possible revival of the **agricultural negotiations**. On February 27th, WTO members met for the first time since the summer 2022 to assess the status quo and pave the way forward.
- **On February 8th**, five international organizations (incl. the WTO) issued a joint statement to address the food and nutrition security crisis. Details are already available on NAEGA Trade & Global Food Security Library [here](#).
- On February 8-10th, WTO members held a second round of consultations to discuss progress in carrying out the work program of the **MC12 Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Declaration** aimed at identifying and addressing challenges in the implementation of the SPS Agreement.
- The EU circulated a new document presenting its views on the **WTO reform**. The paper focuses on the reinforcement of the deliberative function of the WTO, which the EU views as one of three vital roles of the Organization (along with dispute settlement and rulemaking).
- WTO issued a new [report on the implications of Russia's war in Ukraine](#) on global trade and development. Executive summary and full document are available on NAEGA Library [here](#).

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

Mexico Phyto requirements for U.S Corn Imports

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service reports that [Mexico will begin enforcing new phytosanitary entry requirements for U.S. Corn](#), effective on shipments arriving in Mexico beginning March 10, 2023. According to APHIS, the requirements are in line with a previously recently negotiated agreement with SENASICA, Mexico's National Department of Health, Food

Safety and Food Quality. APHIS notes that the only new requirement is an additional declaration in U.S. export phytosanitary certificate, specifying freedom from the cadelle beetle (*Tenebroides mauritanicus*), fumigation prior to export is no longer required, and there is no need to provide an additional declaration for freedom from Khapra beetle. Fumigation will be required if live insects are detected upon arrival in Mexico and according to the same treatment schedules as used in the past.

Information Services:

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)

There are currently 2771 transgenic products from approximately 415 unique transgenic events and 498 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 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

March

7-9 –Canadian Crops Convention – Ottawa, Canada

15 – NAEGA Production Technology Committee Meeting

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

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

27-31 – 17th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-17) – Rome, Italy

31 – ePhyto Industry Advisory Group of the International Plant Protection Convention Meeting– Rome, Italy

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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