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Member Notices & Opportunities

Featured Opportunity – Meeting with USDA on ESRMS 2.1 – June 29, 2023

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff working on the update to the Export Sale Reporting and Maintenance System (ESRMS) will meet via MS Teams with NAEGA member personnel on Thursday, June 29, 2023 between 1:30pm-2:30pm Eastern Time. The purpose of the meeting is for users of the ESRMS to provide direct feedback to USDA on the revisions made to the reporting System, frequency of reporting as part of the development of the ESRMS 2.1 platform, and other concerns as they relate to changes in reporting that are part of the update to the system.

Members are encouraged to invite the personnel in their organizations that have the most experience with the ESRMS and have taken part in USDA's outreach programs regarding the 2.1 revision over the past 6 months. To receive an invitation to join the meeting, or to provide the names and email address of colleagues who should be invited, please email Patrick at phayden@naega.org.

APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – June 15-17, 2023

The 28th APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum will take place from June 15-17, 2023 at the [Hotel Secrets The Vine in Cancun, Mexico](#). This year's forum takes place alongside the Forum for the Analysis of the Feed Industry organized by the National Commission of Compound Feed Manufacturers and Animal Nutrition (CONAFAB).

The [Forum agenda features](#) presentations and updates on international grain and oilseeds markets and discussion on the future of North American agricultural trade, including a keynote address on the SPS Declaration from the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference, Mexico's approach to biotechnology, U.S.-Mexico trade relations and the impact of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement, among others. [Registration](#) is still open and hotel booking information [can be found here](#).

IGTC Geneva Dialogues – June 19-20, 2023

Join NAEGA staff and the International Grain Trade Coalition for trade dialogues in Geneva, Switzerland on June 19-20. IGTC is planning in-person events in Geneva, including:

- Discussions with WTO Secretariat including officials from WTO: Information and External Relations, Trade and Environment, Agricultural and Commodities, and Sanitary and Phytosanitary.
- A Global Food Security and Grain Trade Seminar.
- Meetings with WTO mission representatives.
- Dialogue and Luncheon on Innovation and Sustainability opportunities for the Grain Trade hosted by Corteva.
- Business and networking meetings.

Registration information [can be found here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the [IGTC Secretariat](#).

IPPC ePhyto Solution in Africa Webinar – June 21, 2023

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) will [host a free-to-attend webinar](#) on the use of the ePhyto Solution in Africa on June 22, 2023. The webinar will provide an opportunity to advise African countries on the benefits of digitalization and the IPPC ePhyto Solution, an overview of the functioning of the ePhyto hub, and experiences and challenges in African countries exchanging ePhytos.

The NAEGA Trade & Food Security Library is Now Available to Download as an App!

We invite you to access our online Trade & Global Food Security Library which tracks declarations, statements, videos, and other resources related to international agricultural trade, the future of food, sustainability, agricultural production, and secure food systems. The library is a collaborative effort, available cost-free to NAEGA members and partners, via your web browser or an App for both Android and Apple mobile devices. [Instructions on installing the app and connecting to your account can be found here](#).

Recently uploaded resources include the FAO's Global Food Security Cluster Annual Report for 2022 and a U.N. report on transforming food systems through science and innovation.

If you need login credentials or are having any trouble using the app, please click [here](#).

Current and Ongoing Actions

Export Sales Reporting and Maintenance System 2.1

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service (USDA/FAS) [seeks public comments](#) on the revisions to the Export Sales Reporting and Maintenance System (ESRMS 2.1). Specifically, USDA/FAS is interested in public comment on whether the collection of contract-based information will help improve the timeliness and reliability of the data in USDA's Export Sales Reports; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption used; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of

information on those who are required to report, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology under ESRMS 2.1.

In addition to the opportunity for members to provide direct feedback to USDA/FAS staff during the virtual meeting on June 29, NAEGA is considering a response and your input is welcome. Comments are due to USDA/FAS on July 14, 2023.

Recent Actions

Dry Bulk Terminals Group Conference – Tampa, Florida

NAEGA Vice President Patrick Hayden and Senior Advisor Kirk Miller traveled to Tampa, Florida to participate in the Semi-annual conference of the [Dry Bulk Terminal Group \(DBTG\)](#). Approximately 60 individuals ranging from port owners and operators to port equipment vendors participated in the meeting. The conference featured a discussion on DBTG's work with the International Maritime Organization, presentations on port safety, energy, and sustainability-related issues, and a tour of the nearby port facilities at the 5,000-acre Port of Tampa and the older Port of Manatee.

London Grains Week

NAEGA staff traveled to London, England from June 12-13 for London Grains Weeks meetings with global government and grain trade leaders held by the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) on the margins of the International Grains Council 2023 Grains Conference. Staff participated in IGTC strategy sessions, took part in IGC panel discussions, and attended an IGTC-Bayer Crop Science roundtable on next-generation technologies and their impact on food security and the grain trade. A trip report will be available soon.

NAEGA-NGFA New Orleans Regional Industry Workshop

NAEGA and the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) co-hosted an in-person regional industry workshop, on June 8, 2023, in Kenner, Louisiana. Presenters included Associated Branch Pilots, National Cargo Bureau, USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service and Federal Grain Inspection Service, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, U.S. Food & Drug Administration, and the U.S. Coast Guard. Copies of the presentations and selected videos will be posted to the [Grades and Inspections Committee page of the NAEGA Member's Only website](#).

News:

Geneva Update

World Trade Organization (WTO) events of interest [included in this update](#) from Geneva Envoy Mariya-Khrystyna Koziy:

- WTO Members continued discussions on agriculture reform to bridge differences and enhance food security ahead of the 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13), which is due to take place in Abu Dhabi in February 2024.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), World Bank, and World Trade Organization (WTO) launched the Joint Subsidy Platform (JSP) to enhance transparency regarding the use of subsidies in agriculture, fossil fuels, fisheries, and industrial sectors.

- Economic shocks, conflicts, and extreme weather events, including food trade disruptions due to the war in Ukraine and the impact of COVID-19, have driven acute food insecurity worldwide, undermining the economic resilience of impoverished countries and diminishing their ability to cope with future shocks, according to the Global Report on Food Crises 2023.

U.S. Opens USMCA Dispute Consultations with Mexico

The U.S. [requested dispute settlement consultations with Mexico](#) on "certain Mexican measures concerning products of agricultural biotechnology" under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). If the two sides fail to reach an agreement during consultations, the U.S. could request the establishment of a USMCA dispute settlement panel to hear its arguments.

Under USMCA, once a dispute settlement is filed, a group of objective experts will be empaneled to hear the case and make final determinations based on the commitments both parties signed as part of the free trade agreement. A ruling in favor of the U.S. could eventually result in retaliatory measures such as increased tariffs on imports from Mexico. Observers speculate that the process may take over one year to complete.

WTO Global Trade Portal

The WTO launched the [Global Trade Data Portal](#) with the release of new dashboards on seaborne trade in grains and oilseeds. This initiative aims to improve market transparency, especially during times of food insecurity. The portal provides real-time trade data, enabling users to monitor supply chain activities and anticipate potential disruptions. The interactive grain and oilseeds dashboard, updated every three hours, presents short-term trade trends for various crops such as wheat, corn, barley, and soybeans.

Information Services:

Plant Biotechnology Information Exchange (PBIE)

There are currently 2,830 transgenic products from approximately 415 unique transgenic events and 508 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 with 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

June

14-16 – APPAMEX-NAEGA Forum – Cancun, Mexico

19-20 – Global Food Security Dialogue and Grain Trade Forum at the WTO– Geneva, Switzerland

22 – IPPC Webinar on ePhyto Solution in Africa

20-22 - Global Grain MENA – Cairo, Egypt

July

12-13 - USAEDC Global Attaché Seminar – McLean, VA

September

12-15 – WTO Public Forum: “[It is Time for Action](#)” – Geneva, Switzerland

October

TBD - NAEGA-NGFA Regional Grain Industry Workshop – Pacific Northwest

November

13-05 – USAEDC Annual Workshop – Baltimore, MD

TBD – IGTC General Assembly – Cairo, Egypt

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