

Feed Quality Conference Focuses on U.S. Soymeal Quality

ASA-IM Southeast Asia and Asian Agribusiness Media held a feed quality conference in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss solutions for improving chicken, meat and egg yields through the use of high quality feed and improvement of feed formulation. Over 200 livestock nutrition professionals from across the Asia Pacific region were in attendance.

Director Dr. Salim Bootwalla spoke on findings that compared amino acids in soybean meals from different origins (Argentina, Brazil, India and the U.S.). The findings consistently showed U.S. soybean meal as the preferred choice in animal feed formulation programs despite its premium price.



Participants eagerly grab technical materials at booth

U.S. Ambassador Visits Cargill Egypt Crushing Operation

Middle East Technical Director Dr. Mohamed Sherif, U.S. Ag Attaché Mr. Julio Maldonado, and U.S. Ambassador Margaret Scobey toured the National Vegetable Oil Company in Alexandria, Egypt on June 15. Cargill has a 35 percent share in this company in addition to managing the crushing plant.

Discussions focused on Cargill activities in Egypt and the soybean meal and oil market in the region. Cargill is the largest soybean crusher in Egypt buying over 50 percent of their soybeans from the U.S.

In spite of restrictions related to avian influenza in poultry, soybean consumption is growing in Egypt. Last year saw record imports of 1.2 million metric tons of soybeans and 150,000 metric tons of soybean meal from the U.S.

Improved Testing Methods for Taiwan Restaurant Industry's Cooking Oils

Technical Issues Director Kim Nill provided information on testing methods for assessing the quality of restaurant frying oils to Anthony Thang, Director of ASA-IM's Taiwan office. In response to a consumer fear fanned by local press articles, the Taiwan Department of Health stepped up its health inspections of restaurants, but was using litmus paper to assess the quality of frying oils found in commercial fryers. Thang used the information to convince local industry why it is better to use acid value testing, smoke point testing, total polar compounds testing, free fatty acids testing or color tests to determine cooking oil quality. Taiwan uses over 300,000 metric tons of U.S. soybean oil annually.

Dairy Production Seminar in Dominican Republic

ASA-IM conducted a two day dairy production seminar in the Dominican Republic in conjunction with several Dominican Republic's dairy organizations. Latin America consultants Carlos Campabadal, Pedro Pablo Lora and local dairy nutritionists presented technical information at the seminar. More than 80 dairy producers and technicians and topics attended the seminar discussing dairy reproduction and health, milk quality, milking techniques, dairy nutrition, forage production and utilization.



Consultant Carlos Campabadal addresses a group of dairy producers

USSEC Soy Bits

- Brent Babb presented FY2010 International Marketing proposals at the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council meeting last week in Starbuck, Minnesota. The Council voted preliminary approval of \$175,000 in projects.
- Director of Global Issues & Alliances Blair Fortner attended the World Soybean Research Conference in Beijing, China. Fortner was accompanied by USB Directors Doug Goehring and Bob Kirchner and ASA Director John Hoffman, as well as Mark Winkle of Smith Bucklin. They also travelled to South Korea to meet with officials to discuss impacts of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement on U.S. soy exports.

USSEC Events Calendar

Aug. 23-24	Japan Partnership Program Team	IN, MO, LA
Aug. 30-Sept. 6	Japan Food Bean Buyers Team	SD, MN
Sept. 1-2	Midwest Specialty Grains Conference	Sioux Falls, SD
Sept. 5-15	Southeast Asia Feed Industry Nutritionists Team	AR, MO
Sept. 9-11	Soy in Aquaculture Stakeholders Meeting	Montgomery, AL
Sept. 13-27	China Crop Tour	IN, IA, IL, MO, MN, WI
Sept. 14-19	Caribbean/ Latin America Buyers Mission Team	MN, LA



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