

Japanese Crushers In Midwest To Visit U.S. Exporters June 20-27, 2010 Learn About U.S. Soy Production

A team of crushing industry representatives from Japan began a tour of U.S. farms, crushing plants and research facilities this week under the guidance of USSEC Japan Country Director LaVerne Brabant and consultant Katsufumi Maekawa. The 14 Japanese visitors first stopped at USSEC headquarters in St. Louis, where they learned about the advantages of value-added soybeans in a presentation by Technical Director Kim Nill. The team then was given an inside look at the Danforth Center by researcher Dr. Elliott Herman before departing for a demonstration on U.S. soybean crushing at the Continental Grain and Barge (CGB) soybean crushing plant in Mt. Vernon, Ind. Later, the team visited the Tim Scates farm in Carmi, Ill. Scates demonstrated a large-scale irrigation system he's incorporated to boost his soybean yield. The Japanese team was scheduled to continue their U.S. visit at a meeting with officials at the Delong Company in Illinois. Delong had prepared a presentation on the process of distribution of soybeans and soy products.



