

International Activities



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Current Trade Issues



- China – Soybean Vessel Comparison Study
- China – MIR -162 Update
- USWA – Export Cargo Sampling Project
- USGC – Export Corn Sampling Project
- Foreign Complaints



U.S./China Vessel Comparison Study



- **Fall 2014, observed two ships load and discharge**
- **Both ships to discharge in Dalian Port**
 - Sampled by D/T sampler
- **Conducted a study on FM**
- **Drafting U.S. report**



China – DDGs & Corn Imports



- Dec. 2015, China approved MIR-162
- DDGs imports fell 79% from Feb. 2014
- Corn imports from U.S. fell 93% from Feb. 2014
- Importers hesitant to import due to Duracade
- Ukraine supplies 90% of China's corn imports
 - 15-year deal to supply 80 MMT of corn



Export Cargo Sampling Project



- Field Offices submit samples from 10 percent of wheat export sublots over three survey periods
- Samples analyzed for:
 - pesticide residues, quality factors, milling and baking quality
 - heavy metals, mycotoxins and TCK
- Weed Seeds: Field Offices each submit 10 samples
 - Samples separated at National Grain Center
 - Sent to Agriculture Marketing Service for weed seed content, identification
- Results assist US Wheat Associates in advising buyers on wheat available for sale, quality attributes and advantages of U.S. wheat.



U.S. Grains Council Corn Survey

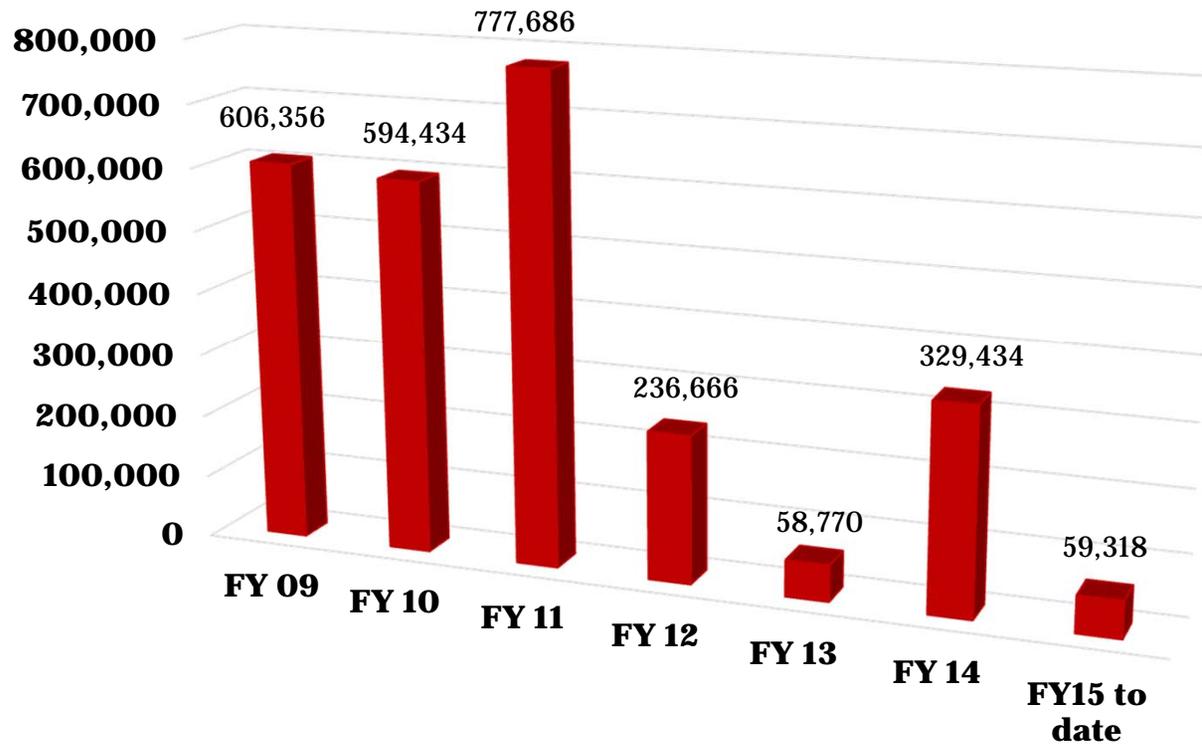


- Survey runs November to March
- Washington State and New Orleans collect from corn shipments bound for overseas markets
- Official interior agencies collect corn from railcars bound for Mexico
- Samples analyzed for quality and end-use characteristics
- Results assist USGC in advising buyers on corn available for sale, quality attributes and advantages of U.S. corn.



Importer Complaints

Metric Tons



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Thank you!

Any Questions?

