

International Activities



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Current Trade Issues



- Mexico Soil Issue
- China – Soybean Vessel Comparison Study
- China Rejects DDGs Shipments



Mexico Detains Rail Shipments



- Mexican officials (SENASICA) continue to detain U.S. rail shipments due to presence of soil
- Exporters pay high demurrage costs
- FGIS reviewing file samples for soil
 - Soil clumps photographed and shared with APHIS



U.S./China Vessel Comparison Study



- **October 2014, Chinese officials watched two ships load in NOLA**
- **Conduct a study on FM**
- **Both ships to discharge in Dalian Port**
 - **Sampled by D/T sampler**



China Rejects U.S. DDGs Shipments



- Syngenta's MIR 162 corn event deregulated in the U.S. is not approved in China
- China rejects DDGs shipments testing positive causing huge trade disruptions
- China requires negative test results with USG seal on certificates
- DDG industry met with Chinese – no progress
- Chinese regulations don't permit tolerances for unapproved events





Thank you!

Any Questions?

