

### **Sixth Extrusion Fish Feed Mill in India Inaugurated; Launches Floating Fish Feed**

Growel Feeds, India's sixth extrusion feed mill, officially began production, launching a soy-based floating fish feed brand named "Growfin." An inauguration event was attended by more than 2,000 people, including fish farmers, feed millers, consultants, stakeholders of the aquaculture industry and USSEC representatives. Technical Director Dr. P.E. Vijay Anand and Technical Manager G. Ramesh emphasized to the audience the advantages of using extrusion for the manufacture of soy-based fish feeds and subsequently using it in the fish farms to deliver profitable and sustainable aquaculture produce. India's newest mill has already sold about 3,500 metric tons of feed produced earlier on trial production and has pending orders that could use up 93% of its installed capacity. This has prompted the management to go in for a second line with immediate effect. With a current 10 tons per hour capacity, the mill can produce about 48,000 metric tons of feed per and will use about 7.8 million bushels of soy meal at an average inclusion level of 35%. When production capacity is doubled, the new mill has a potential of using more than 1.5 million bushels of soy meal. In total, India's extrusion feed mills produce is 43 tons of feed per hour, which translates into 258,000 metric tons of fish feed and 4.2 million bushels of soy meal per year. The Indian industry proclaimed its appreciation for USSEC's International Marketing programs that have helped provide them exposure, training and knowledge to take this current project forward.

