

### Feed Mill Technical Support Project Continues Building Markets for U.S. Soy in Aquafeeds

With increasing prices and limited supply of fish meal in many countries, it is expected that there will be an increase in international demand for soy in aquafeeds. USSEC staff has reacted by assuring that feed mill tech support efforts carried out by the Global Soy in Aquaculture Program will help the U.S. soybean industry take advantage of this market opportunity by increasing soy inclusion rates in fish and shrimp diets as a replacement for fishmeal. This support is focused on helping mills improve their manufacturing processes to produce consistent, quality feeds - and to provide education on nutritionally balanced feed formulation, with an emphasis on the use of U.S. soy products. The feed mill technical support efforts are possible thanks to checkoff dollars invested by the United Soybean Board and the Qualified State Soybean Boards from Illinois and Nebraska. During the 2010 fiscal year, expert consultants working under the feed mill tech support project have provided assistance to aquafeed manufacturers, fish farmers, and aquaculture technicians at university and government research facilities in five different regions of the world. Nearly 50 on-site technical service visits and in-house seminars, in addition to over 10 large technical seminars and workshops on aquafeed manufacturing and nutrition, were provided.



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