

India Feed Industry Debates Lack of Quality Soybean Meal

70 participants including soybean crushers, soy traders, feed millers, farmers, media and other key trade related personnel attended a Soy Debate Forum discussing the lack of consistent quality soybean meal available in India. The debate allowed everyone in attendance the opportunity to express solutions and recommendations to their common concerns, as no formal presentations were allowed. The Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association of India actively participated in the debate.

Mr. G. Chandrasekhar, Associate Editor of Agri-Commodities and Business newspapers, moderated the lively 8-hour discussion. He summed up the session by suggesting that the feed millers can “call the shots” in India by forming an effective soy use entity, knowing they are valued clients for domestic utilization of meal. The need to develop a plan to secure quality soymeal in order to support future growth and higher inclusions of soy meal in feeds was discussed. Participating millers requested crushers honor purchase orders and step up their quality requirements, and to focus on animal performance. Videotapes of the conference are available throughout the industry to generate favorable support for soy utilization.