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USSEC Global Animal Nutrition Technical Director Visits China

USSEC Global Animal Nutrition Technical Director Dr. Nelson Ruiz spent the month of September visiting several international offices to confer with technical directors to evaluate global soymeal utilization programs. Dr. Ruiz's visit to China included visits to customers including swine breeding, feed milling and poultry production.

Dr. Ruiz traveled with Drs. M.Y. Huang (Livestock TD) and Sam Shi (Swine TD) to Weifang in Shandong province to attend a two-day seminar co-sponsored by ASA-IM and the Shandong Provincial Animal Husbandry Association. Drs. Huang and Shi presented lectures on swine production to the audience of 230 representatives of the commercial swine production industry. The group also visited a new swine breeding farm near Dalian.

Dr. Jack Cheng, TD-Feed Technology, arranged for a visit to the nearby Hai-Tian Feedmill, where an estimated 45,000 metric tons of full-fat soybean meal is produced annually, exclusively using U.S. soybeans.

Drs. Ruiz and Huang also visited the nearby Han-Wei Layer Farm, one of China's largest layer farms, with more than 3 million birds. Although originally planned as an observational visit, Dr. Ruiz answered a number of questions from their technical staff about probiotics, mycotoxins, feed formulation issues, and the correct acid-base balance in poultry feeds. The visit became a short version of the in-plant consultations that China staff conducts regularly to assist key buyers and promote higher soybean meal inclusion rates in Chinese swine, poultry and fish feeds.



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