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Group Visits China Soybean Production Area

Following the World Soybean Research Conference in Beijing, China office staff arranged visits to China's Heilongjiang Province, a major soybean growing area that produces about 40 percent of China's soybeans. China will produce an estimated 600 million bushels of soybeans this year, which is approximately one-third of their soybean consumption.

The group was comprised of 4 members and 2 staff from the USB Production Committee, led by Committee Chairman Rick Stern. Meetings occurred August 16-21 and included stops at soy fields, crushing-refining plants, a state-owned farm and machinery station, a state reserve storage facility, educational-research facilities, feed mills and meetings with the Heilongjiang Soybean Association and the Provincial Grain Bureau.

The group was joined by the FAS attaché and staff covering oilseeds issues for the U.S. Embassy and one of the Global Oilseeds analysts from FAS-Washington. Country Director Phil Laney and Marketing Manager Claudia Chong also assisted with the visit.



World Soybean Research Conference in Beijing, China



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