Engagement

- Provided educational and networking opportunities to equipment manufacturers to hear the latest industry news and trends and think strategically about the future at the annual industry-led AFIA Equipment Manufacturers Conference.
- Hosted the largest annual international trade show for the feed, pet food, poultry and meat industries in 2022 – the International Production & Processing Expo – attracting almost 22,000 registered attendees and 1,100 exhibitors, including equipment manufacturers.
- Maintained our commitment to employee safety by sponsoring the national safety sign program and continued development of new safety signs and placement guidelines at the Equipment Manufacturers Conference.
- Advanced the industry’s next generation of leaders by awarding seven scholarships to deserving students pursuing careers in the animal food industry through the Equipment Manufacturers Scholarship Fund.
- Held regular member webinars on AFIA priority legislative and regulatory issues.
- Networked with AFIA’s members, including 75% of the commercial feed manufacturers.

Voice

- Represented the U.S. feed equipment industry’s interests in the development of voluntary international standards on feed machinery at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
- Ensured AFIA member companies could express U.S. industry views within the ISO/TC 293 technical committee. Many AFIA member companies are involved in the committee work and/or supporting this work financially and Gary Huddleston, AFIA’s director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs, serves as the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) chair.

Expertise

- Provided interpretation and guidance on a variety of regulatory requirements, including the fixed ladder requirements in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Working Surfaces Rule.

Representation

- Protected U.S. equipment global competitiveness by working to prevent overly cumbersome international standards from being developed that would hurt U.S. equipment manufacturers. Initially, Chinese delegates proposed nine equipment terminology standards, 30 safety standards and 17 hygiene standards. U.S. and international delegates successfully convinced the international committee to adopt a strategy of only three standards (one standard for each area), streamlining the standards that companies would need to monitor.
- Assured U.S. equipment manufacturers’ continued access to major export markets by successfully engaging in the passage of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement and the U.S.-China phase one trade agreement. Tackled regulatory compliance issues through OSHA and the Environmental Protection Agency on topics such as the Powered Industrial Trucks Design Standards and Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses update.


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