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25,000 Tons of U.S. Sorghum Destined for Morocco

Morocco's livestock and poultry sector will soon have high protein U.S. sorghum available for inclusion in feed rations. On Mon., Oct. 26, 2009, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) loaded 25,000 tons of U.S. sorghum on a vessel in Galveston, Texas, destined for the North African country.

U.S. Grains Council Director in the Mediterranean, Kurt Shultz, said the sale was a result of developing long-term relationships and sharing information with top feed manufacturers in Morocco.

"The sorghum was purchased by Graderco, a trading company in Casablanca that we have worked with for many years," said Shultz. "They know what we tell them is the truth. When you have trust, you have a good chance at providing customers high-quality feed ingredients produced by U.S. farmers."

USGC Senior Director of International Operations, Chris Corry, added that without "real-time market information" on sorghum provided by the United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP), the purchase would not have been made. Click [here](#) to read more.

Atrazine to Face SAP Next Month

Despite its successful re-registration in 2006 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), atrazine will face a Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) Nov. 3. EPA recently opened the issue for public comment, during which the National Sorghum Producers (NSP) represented you by providing EPA with vital information about the crop protection tool and expressing the importance of atrazine to farmers. The SAP comes as a result of pressure on EPA by activist groups attempting to discredit the herbicide.

NSP will continue to bring you updates regarding the atrazine SAP as they occur. For additional information on atrazine, visit www.syngenta.com and look for more information about atrazine in this year's Fall issue of Sorghum Grower magazine.

Subcommittee Discusses Future of Biofuels

Today, the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to discuss next generation biofuels. USDA officials were on hand to discuss research and

financial activities being conducted at USDA along with several representatives from various companies and organizations who updated the Subcommittee on the future of the industry.

Subcommittee Chairman, Tim Holden, said in an ever-evolving market, fortified governmental policies will allow biofuels to fulfill its potential.

"The message we heard loud and clear today is that in this changing market, it is critical to build and strengthen public and private partnerships. If we are serious about the next generation of biofuels, we must seek constant and stable federal policies, do more to help spur private investment and encourage further research on feedstock development. I am optimistic about agriculture's continued role in promoting production and use of renewable energy here at home."

Sorghum was qualified as an advanced biofuel feedstock in the 2008 Farm Bill and both sweet and high biomass energy sorghum are considered next generation biofuels.

47 Percent Rated Good to Excellent Condition

Coloring advanced to 95 percent complete, three percent behind last year and four percent behind the five year average. Coloring was complete or nearly complete in all states except Texas where progress was more than three weeks behind normal as cool temperatures slowed development. Crop maturity reached 79 percent by Oct. 25, three percent behind last year and nine percent behind the average. Progress was behind normal in all estimating states except Arkansas and Louisiana, where the entire crop had matured. The harvested crop advanced to 42 percent complete, six percent behind last year and 18 percent behind the five year average. Delays of two weeks or more were evident in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota. Overall, 47 percent of the sorghum crop was reported in good to excellent condition, unchanged from ratings last week but nine percent below last year.

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Quote of the Week:

"A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road."

--Henry Ward Beecher

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