

Midwest Specialty Grains Conference & Trade Show – time to make your reservations



The banner features the text "2009 Midwest Specialty Grains" in large, bold, blue and white letters. Below it, "6th Annual Conference & Trade Show" is written in yellow and white, followed by "September 1-3, 2009" in white. To the right, there is a map of the United States with the Midwest region highlighted in blue. Below the map, the text "Sioux Falls Sheraton & Sioux Falls Convention Center" is displayed in white. At the bottom right, there is a small image of the convention center building. Two website URLs are provided at the bottom: www.grainconference.com on the left and www.midwestshippers.com on the right.

2009 Midwest Specialty Grains Conference & Trade Show to feature best of the IP grains industry

The sixth annual 2009 Midwest Specialty Grains Conference & Trade Show, set for September 1-3 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota will feature a series of high impact information sessions on high value opportunities for farmers, processors and exporters in specialty soybeans, corn, wheat and small grains.

Planning is rapidly coming together for this premier conference for value-added agriculture. Among confirmed sessions:

- A roundtable panel on "The Future of Soybean Seed Varieties, and the Renewed Interest in Conventional Traits in Breeding" featuring three of the most respected soybean seed industry leaders in the U.S.
- Presentations by industry leaders and leading researchers on "Quality Advantages of Food Grade Soybeans from the Upper Midwest" ; "Golden Opportunities in Higher Value IP Corn" and "Emerging Opportunities in IP Wheat and Small Grains"
- International trade delegations will be also attending – including trade groups from Taiwan, Japan, Vietnam and Korea -- and there will be presentations on overseas markets.
- Other sessions will examine current issues in transportation and shipping, including an address by the Chairman of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board on new railroad oversight legislation and related railroad services issues.

"We have an outstanding program coming together for our 2009 Midwest Specialty Grains Conference and Trade Show," said Bruce Abbe, Executive Director of the Midwest Shippers Association, a regional trade association that hosts the annual event.

"But the most valuable information and connections for attendees will likely be with our many exhibitors at the Trade Show," Abbe said. "It will feature a wide range of specialty grains industry processors and export trading firms; seed industry companies; grain and producer marketing firms; grain quality control, handling and testing system suppliers; shipping and logistics service companies; research institutions; state, federal and international agencies and organizations."

"Our grains conference provides THE central networking opportunity for producers, processors and traders, buyers, shippers and suppliers to the U.S. specialty grains industry. If you have an interest in opportunities in higher value specialty grains, this is an event you will not want to miss."

Early sponsors of the event include the **South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council, Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council; Poet Nutrition**, the high-quality DDGS feed supplier headquartered in Sioux Falls; **North Dakota Department of Agriculture; North Star Rail & Intermodal** based in Edina, MN; **SB & B Foods** of Casselton, N.D; the **Soy Transportation Coalition**, based in Urbandale, IA; **South Dakota Corn Utilization Council**; and the **South Dakota and Minnesota Grain and Feed Associations**.

To learn about how to register to attend, or to be an exhibitor or sponsor go to www.grainconference.com or www.mnshippers.com/conference. Or you can request information by emailing info@mnshippers.com. Or call Bruce Abbe ph. 952-253-6231.

The Midwest Shippers Association's new web portal for growers and the specialty grains industry is at www.midwestshippers.com
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