

Growing Wisconsin Food and Agricultural Exports

International Agribusiness Center

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DATCP)

January 11, 2023 Wisconsin Agricultural Export Webinar

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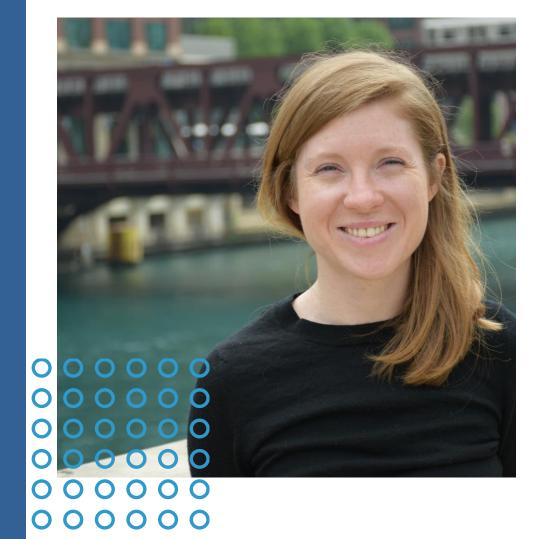






Food Export's Branded Program





Molly Burns

Branded Program Manager Food Export - Midwest





Mission

Promote the export of Midwest and Northeast food and agriculture products through our programs and services.





Who is Food Export?

- Private, non-profit international trade organizations
- Work with small- and medium-sized producers in the Midwest and Northeast U.S.
- Focus on value-added products
- Members are State Agricultural Promotion Agencies







Types of U.S. Companies We Assist

- U.S.-Owned Company
- Company must be 'small' (SBA Guidelines) or a cooperative
- All products must have a minimum of 50% U.S. agricultural origin
- Willing and able to fund exports and ongoing promotion







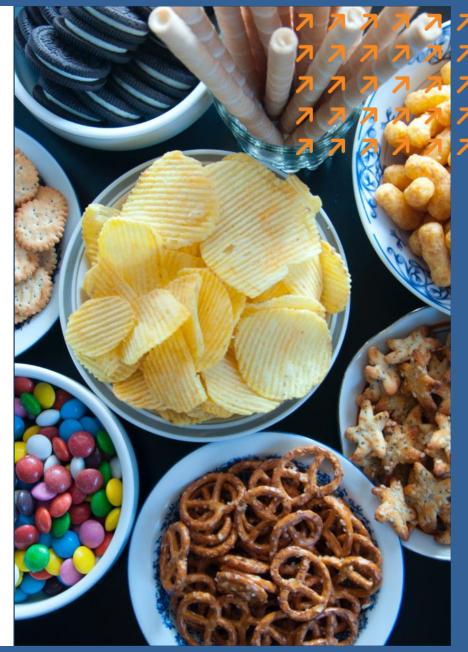
Products

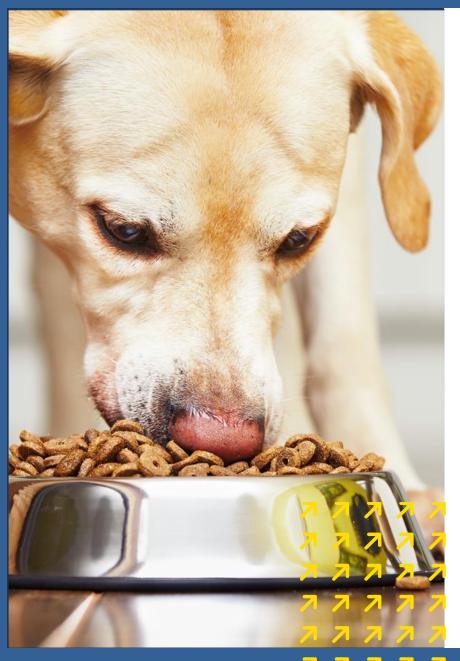
- Branded Food Products
- Snack Foods
- Convenience Foods
- Natural Products
- Specialty Foods
- Private Label











Products Continued

- Food Ingredients
- Foodservice Products
- Feed Ingredients
- Petfood
- Seafood
- Other Value-Added Ag Products





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Wood-Based Products

The following products may be eligible based on Chapter 44 of the Harmonized System:

- Poles, Piles, Posts (utility poles and fencing)
- Wood Wool and Wood Flour
- Railway Ties
- Densified Wood
- Picture, Mirror, and Other Wood Frames
- Pallets and Crates
- Cooperage products
- Tool and Tool Handles of Wood

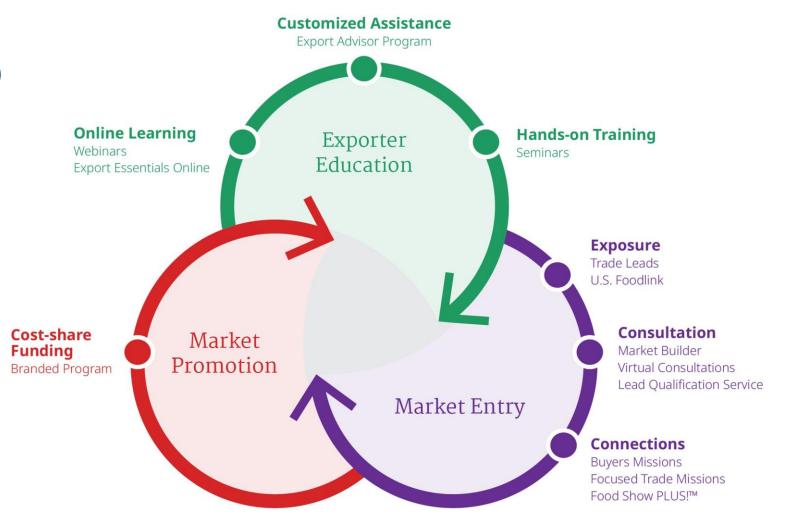
- Builders Joinery items, including Doors, Windows, and Shingles
- Tableware and Kitchenware of Wood
- Statuettes and Other Ornaments of Wood and Jewelry and Similar Boxes
- Miscellaneous Wood Products
- Log Homes and Other Prefab Wood Homes (traditional 2x4 construction)





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How We Help







Branded Program

- We reimburse 50% of export marketing expenses
- All activities approved in advance
- Company incurs all expenses up front
- Company includes US origin statement in marketing
- Funding per company per year:

\$2,500 - \$300,000













Eligible Activities

- Tradeshow Expenses
- General Promotional Activities
- Promotional/Giveaway items
- Product Demonstrations/Merchandising
- Social Media Campaigns
- Website Development
- Public Relations
- Packaging and Label Modifications
- Freight for sample shipments
- And more!







International Trade Shows

Virtual or In-Person







Eligible Expenses

•Exhibition fee

New Product Showcase GES/Freeman expenses

Electrical

Freight to/from show

Booth buildout, banners, signage

POS materials

Uniforms

Part-time contractors

Giveaway Items















Certain U.S. Tradeshows





















ANNUAL EVENT AND EXPO

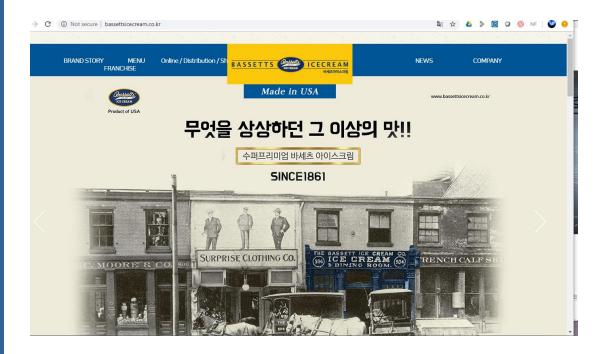








Websites & Online Advertising



Website for South Korea

Web Banners for Hong Kong







Social Media

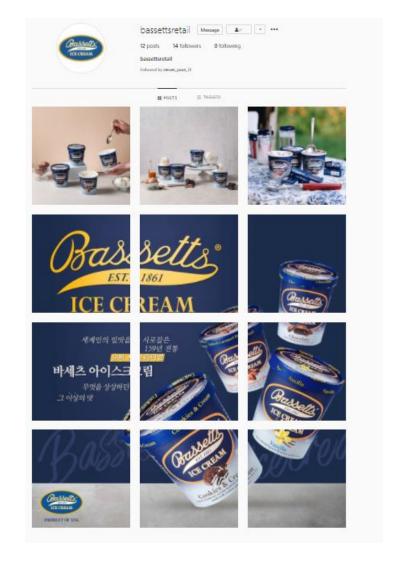


Web & Social Eligible Costs Include:

- SEO and other online advertisements
- Website Development, Updating, and Servicing
- Social Media
 Management
- Content Development











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E-Commerce



Online E-commerce Site





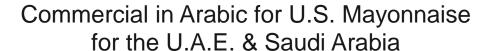
Videos



Foodservice Tradeshow Video

Video that walks viewer through supplier's entire food service product line







طعم المايونيز الأصيل لسفرة فرح دايمة / The real mayo effect

Product placement in a South Korean ASMR Mukbang YouTube Video

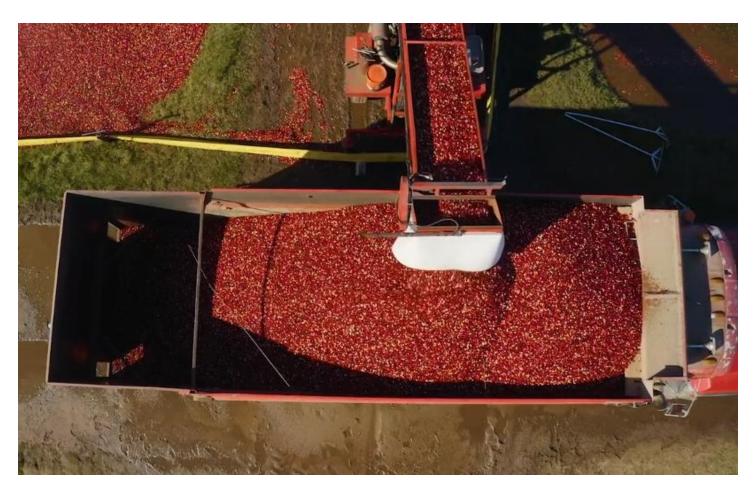
Mukbang is a type of video that features a person eating a large quantity of food in one sitting.





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Videos



Video of harvest and processing





Give-Away Materials







Hats Shirts Masks





Print Advertising



Taiwan



Turkey





Large Format Advertising







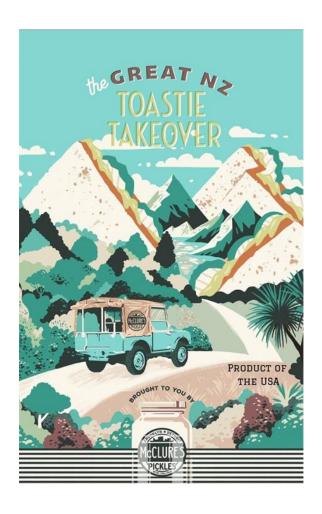






POS Materials











Demonstrations/Merchandising: Display

Supplies



Temporary Display Stand





Export Packaging and Labeling



Russian









Chef Demonstrations



Eligible Costs Include:

- Hourly/Daily Rate for Chef
- Room, equipment rental
- Banners, signage
- Sampling materials
- Freight for samples





Marketing Costs Incurred by Importer



Apply with the U.S. supplier

Promote supplier's or importer's brand

Importer provides documentation for reimbursement





How the Branded Program Works



Program Fees

- 1. \$250 Application Fee
- 2. 6% Administrative Fee





2023 Key Dates

What's Due?	When?
2023 Program Year Opened	August 1, 2022
Submit Application	ASAP/Before incurring eligible expenses
Conclude Activities and Make Payment	December 31, 2023
Claims Submission Deadline	February 28, 2024

Apply Annually
Apply Early





How to be Reimbursed

- Submit claims online
- 2. Required for each claim:
 - Invoice
 - Proof of Payment
 - Proof of Activity
 - US Origin Statement
- 3. Food Export staff follows up with any questions
- 4. Claims typically paid within 30 days of submission









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GREAT LAKES ST LAWRENCE SEAWAY SYSTEM

The 2022 Navigation Season &

Agricultural Export Developments

WI Agricultural Export Advisory Council

Madison, WI January 11, 2023

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Great Lakes Regional Representative GLS Office of Trade & Economic Development



CANADA

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway



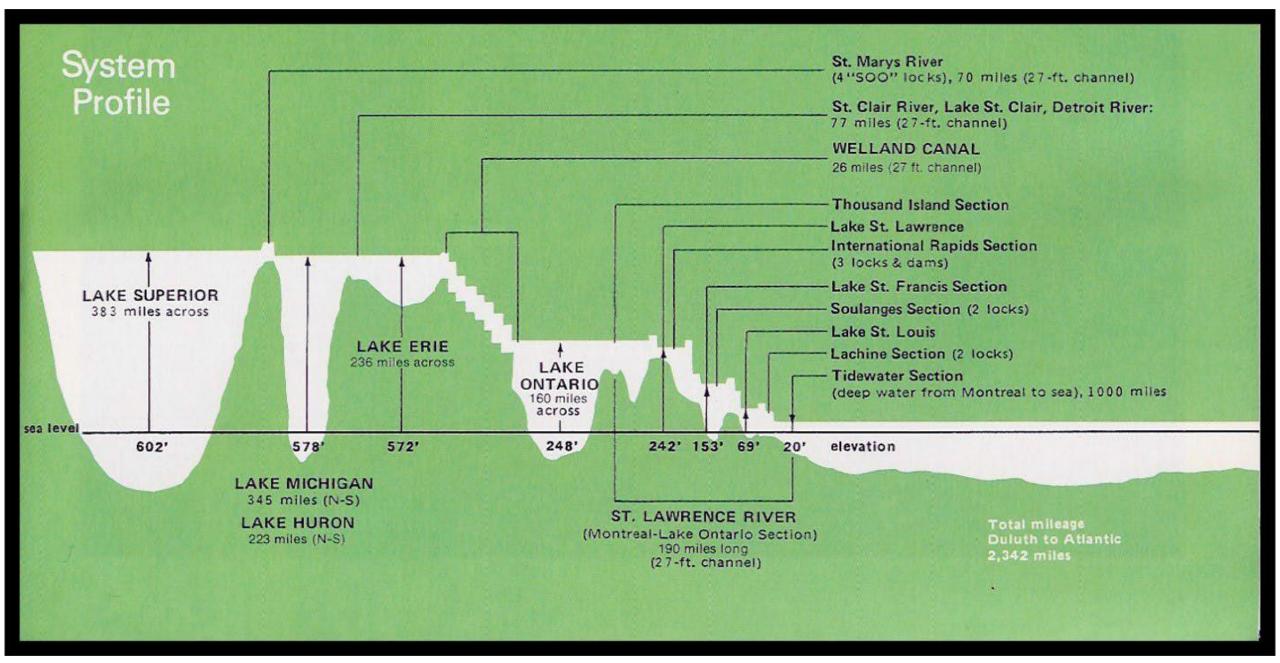
Gulf of

GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GLS)

- •A wholly owned Government Corporation and an operating Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation
- •Responsible for the operations and maintenance of the U.S. portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway between Montreal and Lake Erie
 - Maintain and Operate Two U.S.
 Seaway Locks
 - Vessel Traffic Control
 - Trade Development
- •Bi-National Operations with the Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. (SLSMC)
 - Maintain Thirteen CA Seaway Locks, Five between Montreal and Lake Ontario and Eight in the Welland Canal (Niagara Falls)
 - Tolls (Incentive Programs)
 - Manage HWY H2O







60 STORY WATER "STAIRCASE"

The Seaway

- •Great Lakes Seaway System is 2,342 miles long and borders two countries, eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces.
- Operational approximately 285 days of the year, over 99.5% system reliability
- •Cargo carried by U.S. Lakers, Canadian Lakers, International Carriers ("salties"), and barges throughout the Seaway System.
- •On its own, the Great Lakes Regional economy would rank 3rd globally behind only the U.S. and China with a GDP of \$5.5 trillion.
- •Vessels cross the international border 27 times when transiting the system end to end.





SYSTEM RESILIENCY

2020: 37.736 million tons (-1.66%)

Sectors Impacted: Manufacturing (Auto), Steel, & Construction Sectors of

Strength: Grain & Project Cargo

(Grain up 27%, Wind Energy cargo record set in Duluth, 10 U.S Ports Handled)

2021: 38.193 million tons (+1.14%) Sectors

Impacted: Grain, Project Cargo

Sectors of Strength: Steel, Iron Ore, Construction, & Manufacturing (Iron Ore up

13%, General Cargo up 73.19%, Dry Bulk up 7.7%)

2022: November tonnage lagged 6.82% behind 2021 (Strong December) Sectors

Impacted: Wheat

Sectors of Strength: US Grain Overall (Corn & Soybeans), Coke Exports, Potash Exports, U.S. Container Volumes

*Three Navigation Seasons-Three Very Different Tonnage Formulas

*Trade With Over 50 Countries Consistent Each Navigation Season

*System Reliability Consistently Over 99.5 % Each of these Navigation Seasons (Mid-March Through December)

GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY 50+ Countries

shipment destinations

> Direct Exports

Seaway Origins

THE AMERICAS

Argentina

Brazil

Canada

Columbia

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Mexico

Peru

Uruguay

Venezuela

TRANS-ATLANTIC **AFRICA** Austria Algeria Belgium Egypt **Czech Republic** Israel Denmark Morocco **England** Nigeria **Fstonia** Senegal **Finland South Africa Tunisia** France Germany Gibraltar Greece **ASIA** Hungary China Ireland India Italy Indonesia Lativa Japan Luxembourg Malaysia **Netherlands** South Korea **Norway Taiwan Poland Thailand**

Portugal

Sweden

Turkey

Ukraine

United Kingdom

Spain

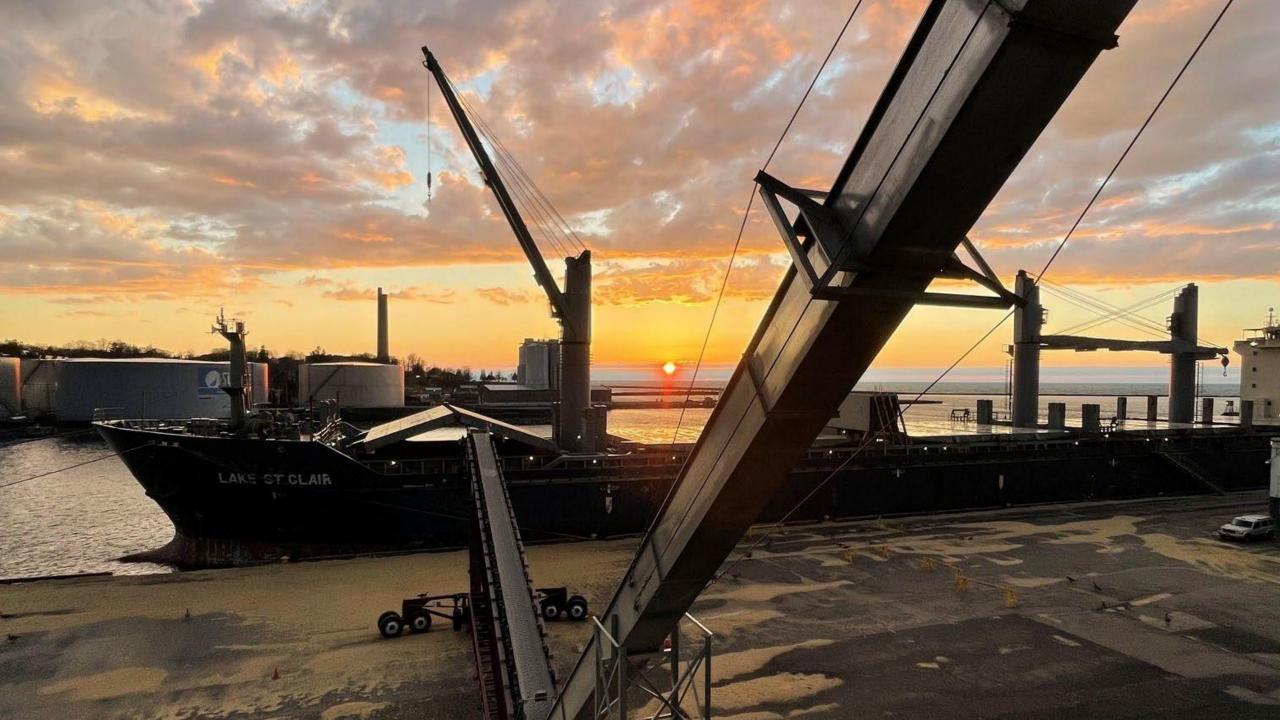
EACH SHIP INTO THE SYSTEM INCREASES THE EXPORT CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM A Seaway Ship is an 8,000-22,000 MT Container Exports Provide Lane Balance



2022 NAVIGATION SEASON

Some Observations:

- 1. Wheat export volumes impacted by weak 2021 crop.
- 2. Ocean vessel volumes into system increased over 2021, lakers decreased.
- 3. Vessels ballasting in for cargo increased (Driven by supply chain disruptions).
- 4. Cleveland-Europe Express Liner service increased container vessel services.
- 5. Duluth had first full season with maritime container capability.
- 6. Corn & Soybean exports moved out of system in strong volumes.
- 7. Inbound steel was stable in support of the manufacturing sector.
- 8. Wind energy project cargos were strong in New York and Michigan regions.
- 9. Oswego's new Ag Export facility loaded corn and soybean export vessels.
- 10. Coke was in high demand globally.
- 11. Potash was in high demand globally.



A SEAWAY OPPORTUNITY

"Maritime Supply Chains Under Stress"

The Great Lakes St Lawrence Seaway System continues to be looked at by shippers with disrupted supply chains in need of relief and/or diversification.

Factors At Play:

- -Container Shippers Looking for Maritime Alternatives
- -International Buyers Seeking Alternative Sourcing (Agricultural Products)
- -The Seaway System Has Vessel Capacity
- -The Seaway System is A Reliable Route From Open to Close (Over 99.5%)
- -Seaway Vessel Accessibility Has Increased: HFM since 2020
- -Seaway Provides Maritime Access Into 3rd Largest Economy in World
- -Seaway System is an Agricultural Export System "Steel In-Grain Out"
- -Increased Seaway Utilization Adds Sustainability & Balance to North America's overall supply chain
- -Increased Port & Terminal Infrastructure Investment is Underway
- -Increased Funding Sources (MARAD PIDP-WI HAP-OH MAP-EDA-EPA....)

HANDS FREE MOORING (HFM)



SEIZING OPPORTUNITY

1. Developing A Great Lakes Container Network (Diversify the Seaway Export Lane)

- A. Cleveland Expanded Service in 2021 (Direct Connection to Antwerp)
- B. Duluth Attained U.S. Customs & Border Protection Container Clearance in 2021
- C. Monroe in 2023 will construct a container terminal.
- D. Other Great Lakes ports continue to evaluate their container markets (Chicago)

2. Increasing U.S Bulk Agricultural Exports

- A. Expand shipper access. New facilities at Port of Oswego, Port of Duluth, and, in 2023, at Port Milwaukee.
- B. Promote the Seaway System to Emerging Overseas Markets for US Agricultural Exports.

3. Developing New Trade Lanes (Lane Balance)

- A. Identify & Engage New Ocean Carriers & Cargos (More Inbound Vessel Traffic)
- B. Amplify Liner Services with Europe, North Africa, & Middle East, Expand Beyond (Feeder Services)
- *Provide Midwest shippers more global maritime supply chain options via the Seaway
- C. Short Sea Shipping Within In the System

1. Continued Port Infrastructure Investments Add Value To The Seaway's Maritime Supply Chain

*Container Capability –Storage & Warehousing Capacity-Multimodal Connectivity....

SUPPORTIVE GLS INITIATIVES

"INCREASE GREAT LAKES SYSTEM AWARENESS"

- Overseas Trade Missions: (Import and Export Dialogue)
- <u>Cargo Trade Show Visibility:</u> (Domestic & <u>International</u>)
 - -Increase Great Lakes Seaway awareness & understanding
 - -Catalyze growth of maritime trade-more ships in is more capacity out
- <u>Trade Association Membership:</u> Direct engagement on what the Great Lakes Maritime Supply Chain can offer to shippers: (SSGA-U.S. Grains Council-NGFA-NCBFAA-Cleanpower-USSEC)
- <u>Local Outreach</u>: Support and strengthen relationships between Great Lakes Ports, importers, exporters/growers within their respective Regions to identify opportunities.

Website Resources

www.greatlakes-seaway.com

www.seaway.dot.gov www.hwyh2o.com

THANK YOU!

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WEDC 2022-23 Global Trade Ventures



Global Trade Venture: South Korea

Sep 26 – 30, 2022 (Not including travel days)

Global Trade Venture: Britain and Scotland Oct. 29 – Nov. 5, 2022 (Not including travel days)

Global Virtual Trade Venture: Australia & New Zealand

Nov. 7-11, 2022

Global Virtual Trade Venture: Israel

Jan. 23-27, 2023

Global Trade Venture: Mexico

Feb. 19-25, 2023 (Not including travel days)

Global Trade Venture: Canada

Mar. 19-24, 2023 (Not including travel days)

Global Trade Venture: Vietnam and Thailand April 24 -28, 2023 (Not including travel days)

Global Trade Venture: Belgium & Netherlands May 6 -13, 2023 (Not including travel days)

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January 14-27, Winter Fancy Food Show, Las Vegas, Wisconsin Training and Tour

Thailand Cheese Importers – Cochran Delegation – Wisconsin dairy exporters

Lead: Lisa Stout

January 18-28, International Dairy Week, New Zealand Dairy Producer Trade Show

USLGE Trade show pavilion – Wisconsin livestock and genetics companies participating

Lead: Jennifer Lu

February 20 – 23 GulFood, UAE – Wisconsin Pavilion in the world's largest annual food show

WIAE Funded – 2 Wisconsin dairy companies participating

Lead: Lisa Stout, Shirley Acedo



March 9-10 VIV Asia, Bangkok Thailand Agricultural Trade Show and Buyer Mission

WIAE, USLGE and Food Export Funded – 9 Wisconsin Livestock, Genetics, Feed Companies 1 Organization

Lead: Luis Santana and Jennifer Lu

March 28 -30, SIAL Americas, Las Vegas, NV, Food Show DFW Stand

WIAE Funded 2 Wisconsin Dairy and Crop Companies supported, meeting foreign dairy buyers

Lead: Shirley Acedo

April 25-28 Food and Hotel Asia Singapore, Food Export pavilion Food Show Plus activity

Food Export Funded – Wisconsin Dairy and Crop Companies Recruiting

Lead: Lisa Stout



May 2-7 SIAM, Meknes Morocco Agricultural Show Wisconsin Pavilion

USLGE and STEP funded - Wisconsin livestock, genetics and feed companies, Recruiting

Lead: Luis Santana

May 9 – 12 Interzum Cologne Germany Wood Products Show Wisconsin Pavilion

STEP funded – Wisconsin wood products companies, Recruiting.

Lead: Jennifer Lu

June 5-9 Wisconsin Inbound Wood Buyers Mission

WIAE funded – Wisconsin wood products companies meeting foreign buyers, Recruiting

Lead: Jennifer Lu



June 8-11, Semana Verde Galicia Spain, Agricultural Products Show Wisconsin stand

STEP Funded - Wisconsin livestock, genetics and feed companies, Recruiting

Lead: Luis Santana

June 10-16, Wisconsin Agricultural Trade Mission to the UK London and Manchester

WIAE Funded – 6 Wisconsin companies dairy, genetics, feed, wood, ginseng, craft distilled spirits and beers, food products, Recruiting.

Lead: Secretary Romanski, Shirley Acedo, Jennifer Lu, Mark Rhoda Reis.

For more information on DATCP, USDA and other food and agriculture trade promotion activities please visit...

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/InternationalAgribusiness.aspx

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