

**Grain Board of Iraq**  
**US Grain Purchasing Workshop**  
Four Seasons at Nile Plaza Hotel  
Cairo, Egypt  
**May 26 -31, 2007**

**Objective:**

*Increase Iraqi grain buyers' and decision makers' familiarity with US origin wheat and rice; better understanding of the aggregate "package" offered by US origin wheat and rice: crop quality, government services, technical services, and sophisticated trading structures. These are the elements of the "package" that make US origin wheat and rice attractive values.*

**Goals:**

*To improve the performance of the Grain Board of Iraq (GBI) to tender, award contracts, and take delivery of US wheat and rice. To re-establish contacts with GBI staff members and convey the messages that US grain traders are consistent and dependable and that US grain quality is uniform and high due to the combination of systems instituted by the US government and private firms.*

**Iraqi Attendees:**

Minister of Trade (invited), Deputy Minister of Trade, Grain Board of Iraq Acting Director General, Grain Board of Iraq contracting, import, quality and shipping officials, as well as other senior Iraqi government contract review officials.

**Presenters:**

W. Kirk Miller (USDA), Nabil Azmy (USDA/FGIS), Asif Chaudhry (USDA/FAS), Jo Morrison (JP Morgan Chase), Amer Badawi (NAEGA), Jay O'Neill (Kansas State University), Arvid Hawk (NAEGA), Dick Prior (US Wheat Associates), Neal Fisher (North Dakota Wheat Commission), Mark Mansour (Foley and Lardner, LLP)

**Organized by:**

US Department of Agriculture, US Wheat Associates, North American Export Grain Association, USA Rice and US Rice Producers

**Advance Registration Required!**

Registration deadline: **MAY 11**. Please contact Mr. Lawrence Barbieri, USDA/FAS, Washington, DC, by phone at (202) 720-9459 or by email to [lawrence.barbieri@usda.gov](mailto:lawrence.barbieri@usda.gov)

A registration fee may apply.