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CLFMA hosts collaborative meeting organized by BCC & US Grains Council

Mumbai: On 14 January 2025 CLFMA of India and BCC co-hosted a significant joint event organized by the Broiler Coordination Committee (BCC) and the US Grains Council (USGC) at Coimbatore. The meeting brought together top officials from the US Grains Council (USGC), Verity Ulibarri, Chairwoman, U.S. Grains Council, Amy France, Board Chair, National Sorghum Producers, Mark Wilson, Vice Chairman, U.S. Grains Council, Ethan Miller, Vice Chairman, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, Jay Reiners, Secretary-Treasurer, U.S. Grains Council, David Schemm, President, Arrow S Farms, Brent Boydston, Past Chairman of the Board, U.S. Grains Council, Clint White, Director of Communications, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, Tim Lust, CEO, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, Ryan LeGrand, President and CEO, U.S. Grains Council, who traveled from the USA & Reece Cannady, Regional Director – South Asia, U.S. Grains Council, Amit Sachdev, Regional Consultant, U.S. Grains Council, Nayantara Anandani Pande, Marketing Specialist, U.S. Grains Council, Sonjoy Mohanty, Senior Ethanol Advisor, U.S. Grains Council from New Delhi along with



Divya Kumar Gulati,
Chairman, CLFMA of India

key representatives from Tamil Nadu's poultry sector, including members of the BCC, also Mr M.R.I. Magdum, Dr Harshakumar Shetty and Dr Nagabhushan from Venkateshwara Hatcheries Pvt Ltd, and members from PFRC graced the occasion, making it a noteworthy gathering of industry leaders.

The primary focus of the event was to discuss the current grain supply and demand dynamics in both India and the USA. The US Grains Council (USGC) team presented insightful updates on recent advancements in crop production and emerging technologies used in agriculture, showcasing their potential benefits for the animal feed sector.

CLFMA Treasurer, Mr R. Ramkutty

warmly welcomed the delegates and attendees, expressing their gratitude for the US Grains Council (USGC's) long-standing commitment to the Indian animal feed industry.

Dr Harshakumar Shetty updated on the statistics of grains in India and its forecast. He also highlighted the need for alternative feed ingredients and that further study needs to be conducted on alternatives like Sorghum. Dr Shetty emphasized the importance of conducting field trials to assess its viability and its economic impact. It was extremely enlightening for the gathering on the data presented by Dr Harsha Kumar Shetty.

Mr Divya Kumar Gulati, Chairman of CLFMA of India, highlighted the pressing issues of grain and corn shortages, emphasizing the critical need to address these challenges for the sustainability of the livestock sector. As the apex chamber representing the

livestock industry, CLFMA serves as the unified voice of the sector, consistently advocating for its concerns with the Government of India to secure a sustainable future. CLFMA Chairman also underscored the



R. Laxmanan
Chairman, BCC

importance of treating poultry farmers, aqua farmers and dairy farmers on par with agricultural farmers, acknowledging their significant contributions to the economy and food security. He particularly emphasized the need to spotlight poultry, dairy and aquaculture sectors for their pivotal roles in fostering growth and innovation. He appreciated the collaborative efforts within the industry to drive innovation and address key challenges.

A central topic of discussion revolved around the challenges faced by the Indian poultry industry in sourcing corn and other grain alternatives. The Broiler Coordination Committee (BCC) Chairman Mr R. Laxmanan addressed the



Mr R. Ramkuty, CLFMA Treasurer

assembly, highlighting the importance of exploring alternative grain sources to ensure a sustainable supply chain. Complementing this, Mr. M.R.I. Magdum, Dr Harshakumar Shetty and Dr Nagabhushan key officials from Venkateshwara Hatcheries. further elaborated on the potential of sorghum as a promising substitute for corn in poultry diets and the need for its evaluation.

Price parity of various US grains, their derivatives and closing grain inventories were key areas of deliberation during the meeting. As a gesture of appreciation, mementos were presented to the US Grains Council delegates and VHPL representatives by CLFMA of India, Broiler Coordination Committee and Niswin Enterprises. The event concluded on a high note with a dinner hosted by Shanthi Feeds,



providing an excellent opportunity for networking and camaraderie among the attendees. This collaborative initiative underscored the importance of global partnerships in strengthening the Indian poultry industry and ensuring its resilience in the face of evolving challenges.

