

CLFMA of India Delegation Concludes U.S. Learning Tour Focused on the Animal Agriculture Value Chain

- CLFMA of India delegation undertook a U.S. learning tour focused on the animal agriculture and feed value chain.
- The programme included visits to leading industry facilities and interactions with industry stakeholders across New Orleans and Iowa.
- The delegation gained insights into global agri supply chains, grain movement, quality assurance, soy processing, oilseed processing, and sustainable farming practices.

The Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association (**CLFMA**) of **India** successfully concluded its **U.S. delegation visit**, bringing together industry representatives to gain insights into **global best practices across the animal agriculture and feed value chain**. The learning tour provided exposure to international approaches in **trade, logistics, grain movement, processing technologies, feed manufacturing, quality assurance and sustainable farming** through a series of industry interactions, academic engagements and site visits.

The delegation comprised:

- **Divya Kumar Gulati** – Chairman, CLFMA of India
- **Sumit Surekha** – Deputy Chairman
- **Naveen Pasupathy** – Deputy Chairman
- **Abhay Shah** – Deputy Chairman
- **Suresh Deora** – Immediate Past Chairman
- **Nissar F. Mohammed** – Honorary Secretary
- **R. Ramkutty** – Treasurer
- **Sameer Chotai** – President – East Zone

The programme commenced in **New Orleans**, where the delegation visited the **Cargill Reserve Export Terminal** to gain exposure to trade, logistics and global agri supply chains. A **Mississippi River tour**, along with interactions with **Russell Marine Group and Eurofins**, provided insights into the systems supporting **international grain movement, inspection and quality assurance**.

The delegation then travelled to **Iowa**, where members interacted with the **Secretary of Agriculture, Iowa**, reinforcing CLFMA of India's focus on global dialogue and strengthening collaboration across the animal agriculture value chain through **industry and policy-level exchanges**.

The Iowa programme also included a visit to the **Iowa Soybean Association Office**, where delegates participated in sessions featuring introductions, insights into **Iowa Soy**, and discussions with **Mid-Co Commodities**. The sessions facilitated knowledge sharing, collaboration and stronger industry connections.

As part of the Iowa programme, the delegation also visited the Iowa State University Feed Mill and Grain Science Complex, where members gained first-hand exposure to modern feed

manufacturing processes, grain handling systems and research-led innovations supporting the feed industry. On the final day of the learning tour, delegates attended expert lectures and technical sessions, further strengthening their understanding of advancements in animal nutrition, feed technology and global industry best practices.

The learning tour concluded with visits to **Insta-Pro International**, where delegates explored advanced soy processing technologies and value-added protein solutions, and the **Cargill Crush Plant**, which provided insights into large-scale oilseed processing and its role in supporting the feed industry. The programme also included a **farm visit**, where delegates witnessed farming practices, management and sustainable production at the ground level.

Commenting on the visit, **Divya Kumar Gulati, Chairman, CLFMA of India**, said, “The U.S. learning tour provided valuable exposure to different aspects of the animal agriculture value chain. The interactions and site visits offered important insights into trade, logistics, grain movement, quality assurance, soy processing, oilseed processing and farming practices, while creating opportunities for knowledge sharing and industry engagement.”

The learning tour highlighted different aspects of the **global animal agriculture ecosystem**, providing exposure to practices across supply chains, processing, quality assurance and on-farm production. Through interactions with industry stakeholders and visits to key facilities, the programme supported continued knowledge exchange across the **animal agriculture and feed value chain**.

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