

Acronyms and Abbreviations

A

ABPC	Ag Biotech Planning Committee
AFAC	Moroccan Feed Millers Association
AFMA	South African Animal Feed Manufacturers Association
AgAtt	Agricultural Attaché
AID	Agency for International Development
Andean	Andean Community: Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela
ANFACA	Mexican Feed Millers Association
APAR	Activity Plan Amendment Requirement
APPAMEX	Asociación de Proveedores de Productos Agropecuarios (México), A.C. (Association of the Farming Products Suppliers)
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (forum)
APHIS	Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
APO	American Post Office
ASA	American Soybean Association
ASA-IM	American Soybean Association – International Marketing
ASCM	Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
A-Team	Advisory Team
ATO	Agricultural Trade Office
ATP	Agricultural Trade Promotion

B

BIO	Biotechnology Industry Organization
BSBA	Black Sea Biotechnology Association

BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease)
BSP	Biosafety Protocol (formerly the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)
BP	Biodegradable Plastics
Bt	Bacillus thuringiensis

C

C&F	Cost & Freight
CAC	Codex Alimentarius Commission
CANACINTRA	Mexican Feed Millers Association
Canami	National Chamber of the Corn Industry (in Mexico)
CAP	Convention on Biodiversity (of which the Biosafety Protocol is a part)
CBOT	Chicago Board of Trade
CCAF	Codex Ad Hoc Task Force on Animal Feeding
CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation (USDA)
CCFICS	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency....or China Feed Industry Association
CCFL	Codex Committee on Food Labeling
CGF	Corn Gluten Feed
CGM	Corn Gluten Meal
CCGP	Codex Committee on General Principles
CIF	Cost, Insurance & Freight

CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
CISP	Comprehensive Industry Strategic Plan
CLFF	Central Laboratory for Food and Feed (in Egypt) name changed to RLFF in 2007
ConMexico	Confederation gathering companies in Mexico that manufacture and commercialize processed food: i.e. Bimbo, MASECA, MINSA, SABRITAS
CP	Charoen Pokphand (largest feed, poultry and livestock integrator in Asia)
CP	Crude Protein
CPC	Chinese Petroleum Corporation (Taiwan)
COA	Council of Agriculture (Taiwan)
Codex	Codex Alimentarius
COFCO	China Oil and Foods Company (large trading company)
COOL	Country of Origin Labeling
COP/MOP	The Conference of the Parties serving as the (first) Meeting of the Parties
CPR	Country Progress Report
CRP	Conservative Reserve Program
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment

D

DEA	Dollar Expense Account (member funding)
DCO	Distiller's Corn Oil
DDG	Distiller's Dried Grains
DDGS	Distiller's Dried Grains with Soluble
Doha	Trade negotiations with WTO membership named for city it originated
Duma	Russian State Duma, the lower house of parliament, the Federation Council, the upper chamber

E

EBPA	Environmentally Biodegradable Polymer Association
EC	European Community (now the European Union or EU)
EDHIU	Egyptian Dairy Herd Improvement Unit
EEC	European Economic Community
EEP	Export Enhancement Program (Export subsidy program designed to allow American producers to compete with foreign subsidized exports.)
EEU	Eastern Europe
EMO	Emerging Markets Office (division of USDA)
EMP	Emerging Markets Program
EPA	Environmental Protection Administration
EU	European Union

F

FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service (division of USDA)
FANRPAN	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network
FGIS	Federal Grain Inspection Service (division of GIPSA, USDA)
FFA	Future Farmers of America
FFP	Future Funding Program...or
FFP	Food for Progress...or
FFP's	Materials for food, feed and processing
FICC	Food Industry Codex Coalition
FIRDI	Food Industry Research and Development Institute (Taiwan)
FISA	Moroccan National Poultry Federation
FGIS	Federal Grain Inspection Service
FMD	Foreign Market Development
FOB	Free on Board

FPC	Formosa Petrochemical Corporation (Taiwan)
FPO	Foreign Post Office
FSU	Former Soviet Union
FTA	Free Trade Agreement

G

GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GIC	Global Industry Coalition
GBI	Global Based Initiative
GCC	Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. (Arab Gulf Cooperation Council's)
GDP	Growth Demand per Capita
GEM	Grain Export Market
GIC	Global Industry Coalition
GIPSA	Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (division of USDA)
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GMS	Global Market Strategy
GPRA	Government Performance & Results Act
GSM	General Sales Manager

H

HESC	High Extractable Starch Corn
HOC	High Oil Corn
HSC	High Starch Corn
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City

I

ICAL	International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Program
ICCP 3	Third Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
IFIC	International Food Information Council
IGTC	International Grain Trade Coalition
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IP	Identity-Preserved
IPC	International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
IPT	Iraq Poultry Fund
ISAAA	International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications
ISI	Industry Strategic Incentive
ISO	International Organization for Standardization

J

JFA	Japan Food Agency
JFMA	Japan Feed Manufacturers Association
JFTA	Japan Feed Trade Association

K

KBPA	Korean Biodegradable Plastics Association
KCPIA	Korean Corn Processing Industry Association
KOWREC	Korea Organic Waste recycling Council
KT	Kilo Ton. 1 KT equals 1 TMT (one thousand metric tons)

L

LLP	Low Level Presence or Limited Liability Partnership
LTA	Latin America
LPAC	Low Phytic Acid Corn (also LPC)

M

M&IE	Meals & Incidental Expenses
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
MAIZALL	Maizar Alliance – USGC, NCGA, Brazil & Argentina
MAP	Market Access Program (formerly MPP-Market Promotion Program)
MARD	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (Vietnam)
MEA	Middle East
MED	Mediterranean
MEF	Meat Export Federation
Mercosur	Southern Cone Common Market (is comprised of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Bolivia, Chile and Peru are associate members.)
MFIG	specific Korean buyer
MFN	Most Favored Nation
MMR	Monthly Management Report
MLHW	Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture (China)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPAR	Marketing Plan Amendment Request
MRL	Maximum Residue Level
mt	Metric Ton (also MT)

mmt	Million Metric Tons (also MMT)
MTBE	Methyl Tertiary-butyl Ether (oxygenate in petrol-based fuels)
MY2000	Market Year for a crop (ie corn/sorghum/soybeans is Sept 1 – Aug 31)

N

NAEGA	North American Export Grain Association
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NAPPO	North American Plant Protection Organization
NASWP	North American and South West Pacific regional meeting
NCGA	National Corn Growers Association
NCI	Northern Crops Institute
NEC	Nutritionally Enhanced Corn
NI	New Initiative
NPPC	National Pork Producers Council

O

OMB	Office of Management and Budget
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P

PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool
PEP	Brazil Premium for Product Outflow Program
PL 480	Public Law 480 (Food for Peace Program)
PLA	Polylactic Acid
PMA	President's Management Agenda
PNW	Pacific Northwest
PRC	People's Republic of China
PROM	Party Related Offices Maneuvers
PRQ	Production Rate Quota

Q

QSP Quality Samples Program

R

RFP Request for Payment

RGU Russian Grain Union

RLFF Regional Laboratory for Food and Feed, formerly the Central Laboratory for Food and Feed (CLFF)

ROM Results Oriented Management

S

SACU South Africa Customs Union (South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia & Swaziland)

SADC Southern Africa Development Community (Angola, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe)

SAFRAS Brazilian government crop authority (like Brazilian USDA)

SAG State Association of Grain (China)

SAGARPA Mexico's Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foodstuffs

SBS Simultaneous Buy and Sell (Japan Barley Purchasing System)

SDPC State Development and Planning Commission (China)

SEA Southeast Asia

SPS Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary

SRTG State Regional Trade Groups (An association of State Departments of Ag)

STRE Sales & Trade Related Expense/Sales Transaction Related Expense

T

TASC Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops

TBT Technical Barriers to Trade

TEG Technical Experts Group (Biosafety Protocol)

TEU Twenty-foot Equivalent Units – shipping containers that hold approximately 20 tons of grain, a volume equivalent to that occupied by one ISO 20-foot container.

TF Task force

TGF The Grains Foundation

TMT Thousand Metric Tons

TPC Third Party Cooperator

TPA Trade Promotion Authority

TPP Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

T-TIP Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement

TRQ Tariff Rate Quota

U

UAE United Arab Emirates

UES Unified Export Strategy

USAEDC U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council

USAID U.S. Agency for International Development

USAPEEC U.S.A. Poultry & Egg Export Council

USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture

USGC U.S. Grains Council

USSEC U.S. Soybean Export Council

USTR U.S. Trade Representative

V

VN	Vietnam
VEC	Value Enhanced Corn
VEG	Value Enhanced Grain

W

WG	Working group
WTO	World Trade Organization