



2009 Midwest Specialty Grains Conference Field Tour -- Thursday, September 3, 2009

The Midwest Shippers Association is once again offering a popular, optional field tour at the 2009 Midwest Specialty Grains Conference and Trade Show in Sioux Falls, S.D. for attendees who can stay through September 3rd, the day after the Trade Show.

If you haven't made your reservations for the Grains Conference and Trade Show, it's time to do so.

The September 1-2 event will feature international grain trade delegations from several foreign countries; exhibitors representing the full range of higher-value, IP grain processors, suppliers and exporters; national and industry leaders in international trade, shipping and transportation, the seed industry and more.

This year's added tour on September 3rd will feature:

- A top notch IP grain processing company's operations – Hesco, Inc./Dakota Organic Products;
- A tour of Glacial Lakes Energy, a state-of-the-art ethanol plant;
- A briefing and viewing of crop research plots at South Dakota State University, one of the nation's top land grant research institutions;
- And will cap it off with a visit to the famous Pipestone National Monument, a cherished natural resource of the American Indian Culture.

The cost for this optional tour is only \$50, including bus transportation, lunch and entrance costs at the National Monument. Attendees can go to www.grainconference.com to register for the tour via a secure website, or print out a registration form from the conference brochure posted on the site and fax it back with credit card payment. Or you can contact info@mnshippers.org for more information.

Schedule -- Optional Post Conference IP, Grain Processing and Research Field Tour. September 3rd.

- 8:0 a.m. – load bus at Sioux Falls Sheraton Hotel parking lot for escorted bus tour.

- 8:15 a.m. – departure
- **10:00 a.m. – arrive Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC in Watertown, S.D.**
 Tour Glacial Lakes state of the art ethanol plant. Glacial Lakes Energy is a cooperative owned by more than 4,000 producer members. In 2007, Glacial lakes expanded from its original 40 million gallon capacity and now runs at more than 100 million gallons of ethanol production capacity. Depart 10:45 a.m.
- **10:50 a.m. -- arrive Hesco, Inc./Dakota Organic Products in Watertown, S.D.**
 Tour Hesco’s food processing and handling operations. Hesco is one of the largest purchasers of organic grains in the U.S. Hesco is a first tier processor of small grains for human and pet food consumption. Hesco sources and processes a range of specialty grains, including operations for identity preserved grains including wheat, oats, millet , flax, rye, triticale, sorghum, barley and buckwheat. Hesco serves a wide range of customers – from Fortune 500 Companies to small organic food companies and pet food suppliers.
 Depart 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- **12:45 a.m. – arrive South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.—**
 Tour SDSU crop research plots, including white wheat, soybean and corn plots, hosted by SDSU agronomy department researchers. Depart 2:00 p.m.
- **2:55 p.m. – arrive Pipestone National Monument, Pipestone, MN –**
 Greeting and short presentation by National Park Service Rangers on this historic natural resource and pipestone quarry of the American Indian Culture; take a short hiking trail, view tall grass prairie, waterfall – weather and time pending. Depart 4:00 p.m.
- **5:00 p.m. – arrive Sioux Falls Sheraton Hotel.**

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