

# USSEC GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

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## USSEC Provides Dominican Swine Producers Technical Assistance

Consultants Pedro Lora and Julio Chaves gave technical assistance to swine producers and meat processors, stressing the advantage of implementing a pork carcass grading system as a way of improving the pork quality in the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic is one of the most important U.S. soy importing countries in Latin America, having imported more than 15 million bushels of soy meal in 2009. To help the Dominican Republic's livestock and poultry industry, USSEC developed a program where their technicians give technical assistance in the areas of feed formulation, development of feeding programs, as well as nutritional, meat quality and GMP practices, health and management recommendations to producers.



*The activities of the U.S. Soybean Export Council to expand international markets for U.S. soybeans and soy products are made possible by producer checkoff dollars invested by the United Soybean Board and various State Soybean Councils, support from cooperating industry, and through the American Soybean Association's investment of cost-share funding provided by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.*