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USSEC Grower Leader Visit to Mediterranean Promotes Use of U.S. Soy in Fish Diets

Soy grower leaders visited aquaculture industries in Turkey, Egypt and Greece during an 11-day tour organized by USSEC. Participants saw first-hand the activities of the aquaculture program in these countries and had the opportunity to visit key production sites and meet with key industry representatives. The tour was also used to promote results of USSEC-funded research on soy-based diets for European sea bass and gilthead sea bream. The group also met with potential cooperators for FY11 feeding demonstration projects, followed up on a Nile tilapia feeding demonstration project in Lake Wadi Rayan in Fayoum, Egypt, and checked on the progress of a soy-based diet research with taurine supplementation at the Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR) in Greece. Throughout the trip the farmers met with key aquaculture producers, feed mills and government representatives to discuss opportunities for mutual cooperation in the near future that could increase U.S. soy product use in aquafeeds.



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.