

International Activities



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DIIA Activities & Initiatives



- FGIS-CGC MOU
- Asia Pilot Project
- International Activities
- International Trade Issues
- Foreign Complaints



FGIS Partnership with CGC



- April 2015 FGIS visit CGC
- Discussed areas of mutual interest
- March 2016 drafted MOU
- May 31-June 1 CGC officials to visit NGC
- June 2-3 visit D.C.
 - Meetings arranged
 - Sign MOU



International Grain Market Specialist in Asia



- **One-month pilot “International Grain Market Specialist” in Asia**
 - Positive support from FAS & USDA Cooperators
 - Possible deployment Sept. 2016?
- **Training in D.C.**
 - Training at Foreign Service Institute and FGIS HQ
 - Plan activities



DIIA's International Activities



- **APEC Co-Chair on mycotoxins & heavy metals**
- **APEC Food Standards and Safety Assurance**
- **Codex -quality standards for Quinoa**
- **FAS Global Lite Conference**



International Trade Issues

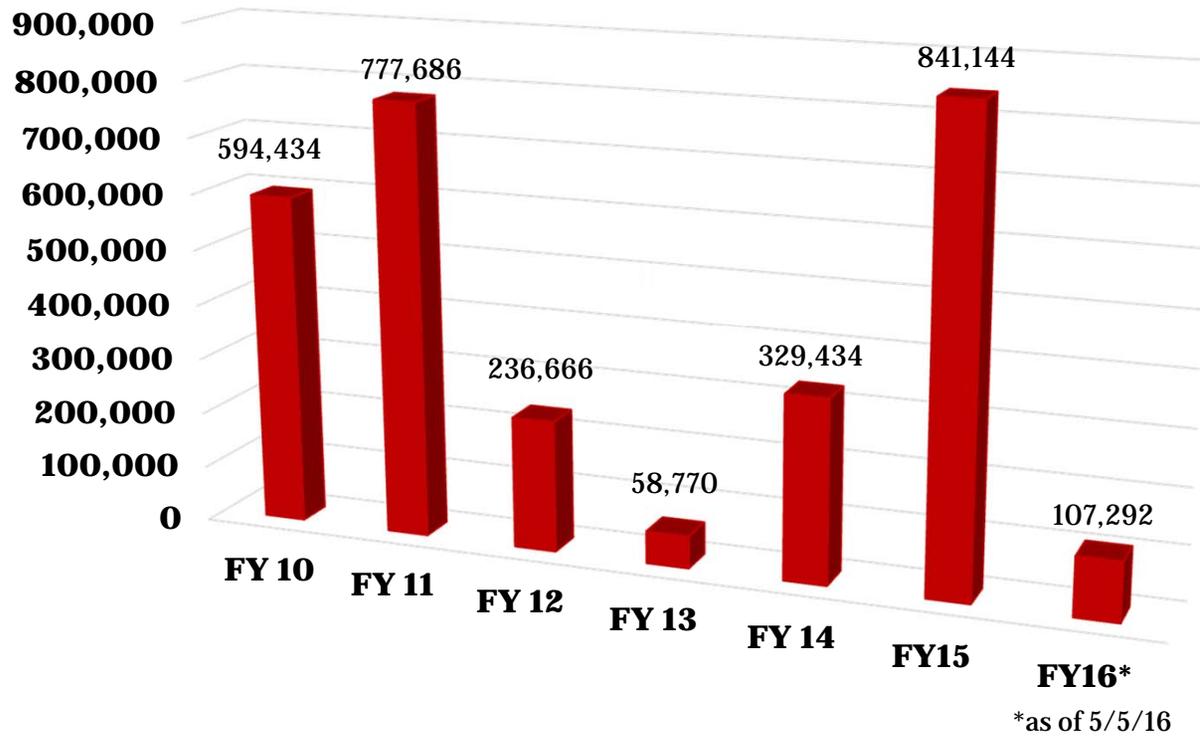


- **Russia ban on U.S. popcorn and soybeans**
- **Egypt restrictions on Ambrosia and Ergot**
- **China's import/export grain law**
 - Producers, handlers, storage, export facilities must register
 - July 1 deadline for registration to export
- **Korea's agricultural import safety law**
 - Exporters must register by August 3



Importer Complaints

Metric Tons



Questions?



Thank you!



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