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U.S. Ag partners and U.S. Soy lead strategic dialogue on the Future of Southeast Asiaâ??s Food and Feed Sector

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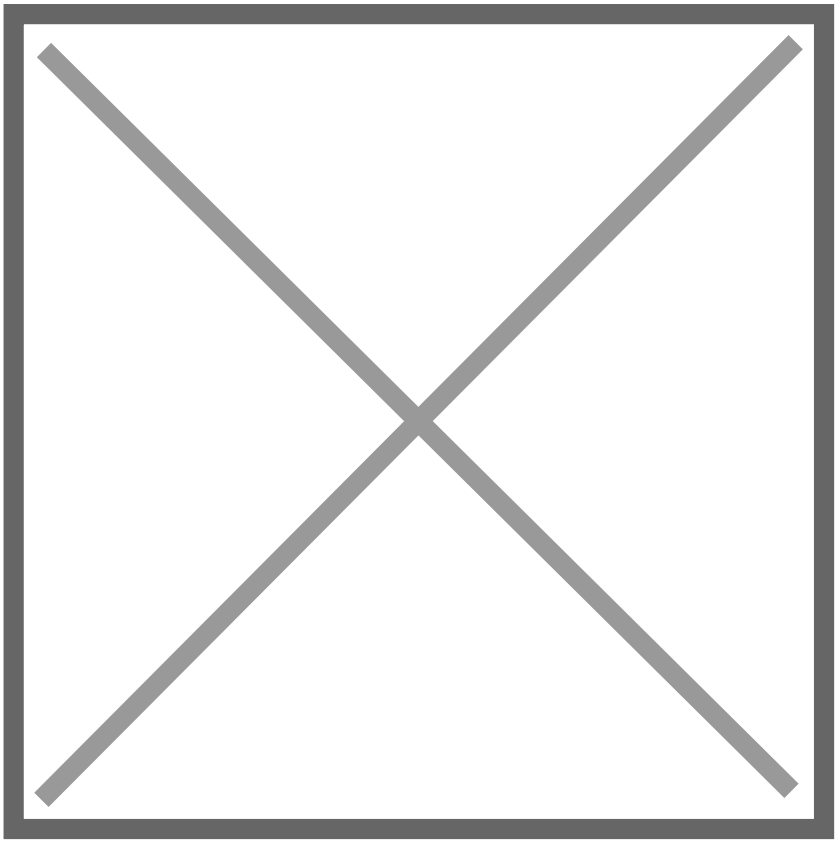
The U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) hosted the **AG Supply Chain Asia Conference** and the **Asia Soy Excellence & Food Summit 2025** to offer timely perspectives and forward-looking strategies that continue to inform and inspire progress across Southeast Asiaâ??s agricultural value chain.

Southeast Asiaâ??s food, feed, and ag trade community gathered in Manila for two pivotal events which drew a unique audience of industry leaders, traders, and technical experts, offering distinct platforms to exchange insights, explore market dynamics, and discuss opportunities shaping the future of food and agriculture in the region.



Southeast Asia remains a fast-growing market for U.S. Soy, fueled by increasing demand across both feed and food sectors. In Marketing Year (MY) 2023/24, the region imported **9.08 million metric tons (MMT) of whole soybeans and 20.89 MMT of soybean meal**, underscoring its reliance on U.S. Soy for high-quality, sustainable protein solutions. The Philippines has been the top importer of U.S. soybean meal for eight consecutive years, while Vietnam and Indonesiaâ??s imports have surged by 110% and 49%, respectively, over the last five years.

Additionally, the regionâ??s food and beverage industry continue to embrace U.S. Soyâ??s quality and versatility, reinforcing its role in traditional and modern food applications. In MY 2023/24, Indonesiaâ??the regionâ??s largest food-use soybean importerâ??**sourced 2.67 MMT of whole soybeans**, with the U.S. supplying approximately 90% of those imports, underscoring its role in staple foods like tofu and tempe.

â??The AG Supply Chain Asia Conference and the Asia Soy Excellence & Food Summit underscore U.S. Soyâ??s commitment to sustainability, innovation, and partnership,â?• said Timothy Loh, USSECâ??s Regional Director for Southeast Asia & Oceania. â??By bringing together key players across the food and feed value chain, weâ??re facilitating informed, forward-looking dialogue that supports stronger market connections, protein security, and promoting growth and collaboration across the region.â?•

With U.S. Soy remaining competitively priced in the global marketplace, the conferences provided a timely forum to address emerging challenges, drive innovation, and strengthen supply chains.