

# USSEC GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

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## USSEC Team Visits Syria to Meet With Soybean Crushers and Traders

Regional Director Tim Burleigh and Consultant Mousa Wakileh travelled to Damascus, Homs, Hama and Lattakia to meet with the largest poultry producers, crushers and traders in Syria. During the meetings, the crushers, traders and poultry producers expressed thanks to USSEC for support in their respective businesses, along with their satisfaction with the quality of U.S. soybeans and U.S. soy meal. Syria is the third largest importer of U.S. soybeans in the region and has started to import U.S. high-pro soybean meal as demand for it increases as the region's poultry sector moves toward integration. Burleigh noted that Syrian crushing plants are playing a regional role to sell their production of soy meal and soy oil to poultry producers, feed millers and vegetable oil refineries in neighboring countries like Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq.



*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.*