

# USSEC GLOBAL NEWS UPDATE

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## First International Dairy Nutrition Course in Middle East

USSEC Middle East, in collaboration with Virginia Tech University, conducted the first international dairy nutrition course and tour to Roanoke, Virginia for 17 Turkish and 16 Egyptian dairy farmers. The course included technical presentations by Virginia Tech professors, followed by dairy farm visits. During the course, professors demonstrated the utilization of total mixed rations including soybean meal for high-producing cows.

USSEC Consultant Sirri Kayhan found that two farmers who participated in the course already started to apply several of the lessons learned. These farmers instituted better hygienic practices while also improving feeds. Specifically, the farmers requested their feed suppliers to add more soybean meal in rations. As Middle Eastern dairy farmers demand soybean meal that will increase their profitability, U.S. soybean producers will benefit from increased demand.



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