

## SEE FOR YOURSELF TRIP – GRAYS HARBOR

Dear Farmer,

This year, the Nebraska Soybean Board is organizing a See For Yourself mission trip to Grays Harbor in Seattle, WA, giving soybean farmers the opportunity to see firsthand how their checkoff program is working to increase their own productivity, profitability and the demand for their crop. On behalf of the board, we invite you to apply for this year's International Marketing See For Yourself mission, March 12-15, 2012.

The mission of the International Marketing Committee is to help NSB accomplish its objectives by increasing worldwide soybean consumption through joint U.S. soy promotion projects. Due to the rapid growth of the world population, it is key for farmers and producers to become familiar with how and where their soybeans are being shipped.

Since soybeans became a net U.S. export in the 1940's, NSB, in cooperation with USSEC, USMEF and USB, has carefully invested in overseas markets to increase demand for U.S. soybeans and value-added products such as pork and beef. Exports are extremely important for Nebraska's economy and farmers.

- In 2010, soybeans represented the United States' top ag export
- Every other row of Nebraska soybeans are exported annually
- China and Mexico are the two largest importers of U.S. soybeans
- In 2010, all of the soybean production in Nebraska and Iowa would have nearly met China's needs

This year's trip will give you the opportunity to visit various facilities and meet with industry leaders including:

- Port of Grays Harbor
- AGP facility
- Imperium Renewable, biodiesel plant
- Westport Marina

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed application and mail it back, as we would love to have you join us on our visit to Washington. If you have any questions or would like additional information contact Victor Bohuslavsky at 402-432-5720 or [victor@nebraskasoybeans.org](mailto:victor@nebraskasoybeans.org)

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**Nebraska Soybean Board**

# APPLICATION FORM

Name: ..... Birthday: .....

Address: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Zip: .....

County: ..... Email: .....

Home Number: ..... Mobile Number: .....

Please check box if spouse/friend is planning on attending (if so please fill in lines below)

Name: .....

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Please describe your farming operation. Include crops grown, animals raised, and other pertinent information.

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What organizations are you involved with? .....

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How are you involved with the checkoff? .....

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Why are you interested in international marketing?

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