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Kansas State Program Trains India Soyfood Manufacturers

Seven top level executives from India attended training at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. This training followed up on an earlier training session held in March. Consultant Raj Kapoor coordinated the program and consultant Dr. M.M. Krishna led the team to the U.S.

Training included a visit to a Wenger Manufacturing facility and interaction with the Wenger staff. The technology exposure received will help improve soyfood processing in India.

Soyfood and feed production with twin extrusion is a new tool to India with many recent investments in the technology for soy processing in both human food and animal feed applications.

Reliance Retail, one of India's largest retail chains, is now marketing Soy Lentil Analogue, a product developed and produced at the Indian Government's National Dairy Development Board. This soy-based product is having great success in India's largest mid-day school meal programs and a huge market potential is forecast. This training program will lead to installation of new extruders for producing quality soy-based extruded products to meet the growing demand. India office staff is confident this program will help to reach a goal of more than 650,000 of soybean equivalent used in the lentil analogue and textured soy protein sectors in the next five years.



Indian participants at Kansas State extrusion course



Hands-on participation with soybean extruder at Wenger Manufacturing



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