

US Soybeans Well Represented at Partner's in Agriculture Japan

This past week ASA-IM Japan participated in USDA Partner's in Agriculture activities on the occasion of the Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack visit to Japan to promote agricultural trade and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Iowa Hog Lift to Yamanashi Prefecture. Also in Japan was FAS Associate Administrator & USDA General Sales Manager along with a number of other key USDA staff from Washington D.C. The U. S. Soybean Industry was well represented with first the Iowa Soybean Association President Christensen, Vice President Van Kooten, and Executive Director Leeds arriving in Tokyo as part of an Iowa State Delegation which included soybean, corn and livestock producers – and, then ASA President Joslin participating at the invitation of Secretary Vilsack. The series of week-long “Partners in Agriculture” Program included a Global Food Security Symposium, Yamanashi Prefectural Hog Lift 50th Anniversary Commemoration, grain and oilseed industry leaders closed door sessions with the Secretary, trade calls on our largest and most important U. S. Soybean customers and the Secretary's Address at the Foreign Correspondents Club Tokyo all combined for excellent opportunities to recognize and discuss ways to improve U. S.- Japan bilateral trading relations in agriculture generally, and soybeans specifically...



From the left: Japan Country Director Brabant, Japan Food Alliance & Japan Tofu Association Executive Director Kijima, ASA President Joslin, Japan Miso Association Obata, and Japan Natto Federation Matsunaga at the U. S. Ambassador's Residence in Tokyo.



Ag Secretary Mr. & Mrs. Vilsack, ASA-IM Japan Country Director Brabant & ASA President Joslin