About the Program

The week-long program explores firsthand the leading exporting animal food production systems, from farm-to-table, in Costa Rica.

Food production systems will mainly include aquaculture (shrimp or tilapia), beef, swine, and dairy (milk and cheese). Site visits will include intensive and extensive primary production systems, processing plants and supermarkets. These production systems are considered key for exportation to the USA, the European Union, and other markets.

Who Should Attend

- Food industry professionals (Quality Control and R&D)
- Government regulators and policymakers (i.e. Veterinary Services, Food Safety, and Public Health)
- Professionals and graduate students in agriculture and health related disciplines (i.e. Food Science, Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Public Health, and Policy)

Registration

- Registration fee is $1,500 USD per person
- Registration includes 3 nights hotel accommodation, transportation between sites, breakfast during the program, closing dinner, and course materials and instruction
- Register online @ http://z.umn.edu/m2q
Key Objectives

- Develop awareness, understanding and familiarity of the key animal food systems, and national regulations in Costa Rica, and recognize the challenges of meeting international standards for an exporting country
- Contrast the similarities and differences among the food systems in Costa Rica and the United States
- Promote and catalyze collaborative group leadership through networking building opportunities and experiential and structured learning activities

Registration

- Registration is on a first come first serve basis and is limited to 16 participants
- Registration fee is $1,500 USD per person, $1,750 USD single occupancy
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Registration Includes

- Three nights hotel accommodation while in the field (Tuesday—Thursday)
- Transportation between sites on private bus
- Breakfast during the program and farewell dinner
- Course materials and instruction

Participants are Responsible for

- Travel to/from San Jose, Costa Rica
- Lunches, dinners, and incidentals not included in the registration fee
- Lodging in San Jose, Costa Rica (Sunday, Monday and Friday)

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