

Global Shifts in Agro-Industrial Capital and the Case of Soybean Crushing: Implications for Managers and Policy Makers

Industry Panel

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Abstract

A recent article¹ in the US agribusiness periodical, *Feedstuffs*, discuss the regional shift in soybean processing investment. Whereas historically soybean processing was centered in North America and Europe in the last ten years marginal investment dollars have been placed in Argentina, Brazil, and China. This shift within the soybean sector was placed within a greater trend of global shifts in agro-industrial capital. Key strategic issues raised were: implications on relative prices and trade, intellectual property rights enforcement, complementary livestock investment shifts, and shifts in high-valued knowledge based technologies. The three panelists with particular insights into this phenomenon will share their thoughts about the issues raised in the *Feedstuffs* article. A roundtable discussion with the audience will follow their presentations. Particular attention will be placed on managerial and policy implications for both the oilseed and livestock sectors.

¹ Muirhead, S. "Global Soybean Processing Trends Show Shift in Strategies." *Feedstuffs*. Jan 26, 2004.