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MEMBERSHIP

NCIS OFFICE CLOSING

On June 14th, the NCIS office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. NCIS will be having its family picnic and all employees will be in attendance. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHANGES IN RESPONSIBILITIES

We have two internal NCIS personnel changes to announce. Effective June 1 Dean Strasser will be joining the Education and Training Department as a Training and Development Specialist filling the position vacated by Terry Munter. Also effective June 1, Shane Weaver will be joining the MPCID Department as a Crop Insurance Specialist filling the position being vacated by Dean Strasser. Shane was with the Actuarial and Statistical Department of NCIS as a data processing customer support person. We wish both Dean and Shane well in their new positions.

(Jerry Puppe)

NCIS SUMMER INTERN

Leslie Schuler will be joining NCIS as the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) summer intern. Leslie is majoring in agricultural marketing communications with minors in agribusiness and print journalism at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Her major will enable her to be of assistance primarily in the Public Relations department of NCIS. Leslie will be involved with publishing *Crop Insurance TODAY*, *CropTalk*, and other NCIS publications. She will be responsible for writing several articles and doing research to gather facts and statistics on various aspects of the crop insurance program, which will be incorporated into press releases, fact sheets and magazine articles.

Leslie begins her internship on June 17 and will stay through the end of August.

(Laurie Langstraat)

TRAINING

NCIS FALL AND SPRING UPDATE CONFERENCES

The dates for the spring and fall update conferences for the 2003 crop year have been set. The fall update conference will be held July 18-19, 2002, and the spring update conference will be held November 13-14, 2002. Both of these conferences will be held in Kansas City at the Hyatt Regency-Crown Center. Bulletins containing the preliminary agenda and registration information will be posted on the NCIS homepage and sent to the NCIS membership approximately 7-8 weeks in advance of the conferences. *(Laurence Crane)*

MPCID UNDERWRITING

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

Citrus Canker Interim Rule (under Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service) was published May 8, 2002. It removes a portion of Manatee county, Florida, from the list of quarantined areas. Any comments are requested by July 8, 2002. *(Chris Lindsay)*

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATION

FAD-013 was added to the RMA web site May 2, 2002, addressing the interpretation of section 25(b) of the Basic Provisions. FAD-013 verifies who is meant by "you" and "us" and that "legal action" includes both litigation and arbitration. It ends with the statement that this determination "...is binding on all participants in the

MPCI UNDERWRITING, cont.

Federal crop insurance program for the 1999 and succeeding crop years.” (Chris Lindsay)

PRICE ELECTIONS

On May 28, 2002 RMA issued MGR-02-006.1 bulletin announcing Additional Price Elections for certain crops for the 2002 crop year. The additional price elections are sometimes referred to as Market Price elections. The crops included and their respective additional price elections are: Canola/Rapeseed (lb.) - \$0.096, Cotton (lb.) - \$0.52, Dry Peas (lb.) - (Type 97 in MN, MT, ND - \$0.0633), (Type 99 in MN, MT, ND - \$0.1194), Flax (bu.) - \$5.38, Grain Sorghum (bu.) - \$1.98, Oats (bu.) - \$1.35, Peanuts (lb.) - \$0.1775, Soybeans (bu.) - \$5.00, and Sunflowers (Oil Type) (lb.) - \$0.096.

RMA MGR-02-006 bulletin, issued on 3/25/02, outlined the procedures which insurance providers and insureds must take regarding the release of the additional price elections. (Don Hutsell)

CROP-HAIL

DRY BEANS

If you're looking for a dry bean variety that is not listed in Table D of the NCIS Crop-Hail Dry Bean Loss Instructions, and you're not sure if it is a bush or vining type, NDSU publication A-654 (Revised) "North Dakota Dry Bean Performance Testing 2001" may provide information that will help. The publication contains a table providing variety descriptions for several dry bean varieties not currently listed in the hail loss instructions.

(Loretta Sobba)

Loss Survey Sheets

The following loss survey sheets have been updated by removing reference to yield loss on form entries. Revised forms include NCIS loss survey sheets 7426 Canola and Mustard, 7511 Sesame, 7446 Pumpkin, 7411 Cucumber and 6501 Processing Tomatoes. (Loretta Sobba)

RECENT NCIS BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 5/01 through 5/31. If you did not receive one and feel you should have, please contact Donna Bryan so we can send you a copy and update our mailing list.

BULLETIN NO.	DATE ISSUED	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
2042	5/3/2002	965	ML	MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbooks—AUP &ELS Cotton Slipsheets	MM, LM
2043	5/3/2002	966	ML	2002 MPCI & C-H Corn, Cotton & Wheat School— Blackwell, OK	KO, TN, SKL (KS,OK, TX)
2044	5/6/2002	6540	HRF	C-H Forms for 2002 Crop Year—MA and VT	CM, H-MA,VT
2045	5/15/2002	2028	MRF	2002/2003 NCIS MPCI 300 Pages	MPCI Members
2046	5/17/2002	1135	HL	C-H Wheat, Oats, Barley & Soybean School— Columbia, MO	Misc.
2047	5/24/2002	967	ML	2002 C-H & MPCI Peas, Lentils, Safflower, Forage Production School—Lewistown, MT	ND, MT, CO, NW & SKL
2048	5/30/2002	968	ML	2002 MPCI LAM School—Rocky Mount, NC	East, NER, SKL
2049	5/30/2002	1136	HL	C-H Corn School—Lincoln, NE	Misc.

* HRF -Hail Rates & Forms	ML -MPCI Loss Adjustment	HL -Hail Loss Adjustment	DP -Data Processing
SRI -Statistical Reporting Inst.	MRF -MPCI Rates & Forms	MB -Membership	ET -Education/Training

2002 SUMMER SCHOOL/FIELD DAY & UPDATE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	LOCATION
June 13-14	Crop-Hail Wheat, Oats, Barley & Soybean	Columbia, MO
June 24-25	Crop-Hail Misc. Various Crops	Lewistown, MT
June 26	LAM School	Rocky Mount, NC
July 15-16	Crop-Hail Corn	Lincoln, NE
July 18-19	2003 Fall Update Conference	Kansas City, MO
July 23-24	Crop-Hail Various Crops	Fargo, ND
July 30-31	Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean	Lamberton, MN
July 31-August 1	MPCI School	Plover, WI
August 5-7	Crop-Hail School	Lubbock, TX
August 6-7	MPCI & Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean	Centerville, SD
August 7	Crop-Hail Soybean	Ames, IA
August 7-8	MPCI Onion Nursery	Brighton, CO
August 13-14	MPCI Corn, Grains, Sunflowers & Cotton	Hutchinson, KS
August 14-15	Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean	Champaign, IL
August	MPCI School	Wisconsin
September	MPCI Nursery School	Florida
November 13-14	2003 Spring Update Conference	Kansas City, MO
Nov/Dec	MPCI Citrus Fruit & Trees	Florida
To Be Determined	MPCI Apple	North Carolina
To Be Determined	MPCI Apple & Peach	Northeast