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## MEMBERSHIP

### NCIS OFFICE CLOSING

**M**onday, July 5, the NCIS office will be closed in celebration of Independence Day.

*(Dana Ford)*

## TRAINING

### 2005 CROP YEAR UPDATE CONFERENCES

**T**he 2005 Fall Update Conference will be held July 20-21, 2004 and the 2005 Spring Update Conference will be held November 9-10, 2004, both at the Overland Park Sheraton.

Registration information and draft agenda will be on the NCIS website and released in a bulletin 6-8 weeks prior to each conference. Please mark your calendars now to avoid scheduling conflicts.

*(Laurence Crane)*

## MPCI UNDERWRITING

### IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

**O**f possible interest: A **Final Rule** regarding "Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States" was published [under Agricultural Marketing Service] June 7, 2004. This Final Rule follows up on an Interim Rule published September 9, 2002, and a Final Rule published January 9, 2003. *(Chris Lindsay)*

### 2005 CIH

**R**MA announced the issuance of a completely new Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH) for the 2005 crop year in R&D-04-024 June 28, 2004. NCIS will distribute the 2005 CIH to its members and agents that are signed up for that service.

*(Chris Lindsay)*

### 2005 POLICY CHANGES

**T**he new 2005-NCIS 830 Strawberry Pilot Crop Provisions was announced in NCIS Bulletin No. 04053. *(Chris Lindsay)*

## MPCI UNDERWRITING

### FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

**R**MA published four new Final Agency Determinations (FADs) on their web site (under “What’s New” for the date indicated). Remember that, according to the regulations, all FADs are “...binding on all participants in the Federal crop insurance program...” beginning with the effective year specified.

- FAD-028 (“What’s New” for June 7, 2004): Interpretation of sections 11(d)(2) & 11(e) [Settlement of Claim] of the Northern Potato Crop Provisions, regarding production to count and quality adjustment when the insured did not elect the Quality Endorsement. [Effective for the 2003 and subsequent crop years.]
- FAD-029 (June 7, 2004): Interpretation of section 26(b) of the Basic Provisions [interest on late indemnity payments], regarding what is considered a “properly completed claim” as it relates to the insured’s duties according to Basic Provisions section 14(c). [Effective “...for the 2001 and subsequent crop years, unless the provisions are revised.”]
- FAD-030 (June 7, 2004): Interpretation of section 25(b) [Legal Action Against Us] of the Basic Provisions, regarding the date of denial of a claim. [Effective for the 2001 and subsequent crop year.]
- FAD-031 (June 15, 2004): Interpretation of section 17(e)(1)(i)(A) [Prevented Planting] of the Basic Provisions regarding the determination of eligible acres for prevented planting based on the acres “reported for insurance” in the four most recent crop years. [Effective for the 2004 and subsequent crop years.]  
*(Chris Lindsay)*

## MPCI LOSS ADJUSTMENT

### LOSS ADJUSTMENT HANDBOOKS

**N**CIS MPCI loss adjustment procedures M-701 Sugar Beet (6-04), and M-708 Fresh Market Pepper (6-04), are FCIC approved and effective for the 2005 and succeeding crop years. NCIS Bulletins 04051, and 04057 provide specific details of the major changes and additions to the loss procedures. These handbooks may be ordered by phone, fax or the NCIS store. Additionally, authorized member company personnel may download these procedures from the NCIS File Transfer Utility (FTU) system.

*(Don Hutsell)*

### CROP-HAIL

**I**nterpolation tables for dry beans and potatoes are being printed. The dry bean interpolation table (NCIS 6409) includes expanded stand reduction and defoliation charts and the potato interpolation table (NCIS 6452) includes an expanded plant damage chart.

*(Loretta Sobba)*

## **2004 SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

DATE	SCHOOL	LOCATION
July 12-13	Crop-Hail Corn	Lincoln, NE
July 20-21	2005 Fall Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
July 21-22	Crop-Hail	Lamberton, MN
July 22	Potato and Dry Bean	Twin Falls, ID
July 27-28	Crop-Hail	Fargo, ND
August 3-4 (tentative)	MPCI Clam	Virginia
August 3-4	Rice & Cotton	Greenville, MS
August 3-4	Crop-Hail Soybean	Ames, IA
August 3-4	Crop-Hail	Centerville, SD
August 9-11	Crop-Hail Cotton and Wheat	Lubbock, TX
August 11-12	Crop-Hail	IL
November 9-10	2005 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
TBD	MPCI	WI
TBD	MPCI	CA

## **RECENT BULLETINS**

The following bulletins were issued 6/01 through 6/30. 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.

BL NO.	DATE ISSUED	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
04047	06/01/04	167	ET	2005 Fall Update Conference, Overland Park, KS	MISC
04048	06/14/04	1056	ML	Tobacco Season Average Market Prices	M-MISC
04049	06/14/04	1164	HL	2004 Fargo, ND School- Barley, Wheat, Corn, Small Grain, etc.	SKL, NW, CO, MT
04050	06/15/04	1057	ML	2004 Kimberly, ID School-CH & MPCI Dry Beans & Potato	SKL, NW, CO, MT
04051	06/17/04	1058	ML	NCIS MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbooks: Sugar Beets	LM, MM
04052	06/17/04	1059	ML	2004 Greenville, MS School- Rice & Cotton	SKL, GS
04053	06/21/04	2098	MRF	2005 NCIS 830 Strawberry Pilot Crop Provisions	M-CA, FL, LA, NC
04054	06/21/04	1165	HL	2004 Ames, IA School- Crop-Hail	IA, CLM, SKL
04055	06/24/04	1166	HL	2004 Lamberton, MN School- CH Soybeans & Corn	MN, SKL, IA, IW, ND, SD
04056	06/28/04	1167	HL	2004 Champaign, IL School- CH Soybean & Corn	IA, IM, IW, SKL
040575	6/29/04	1060	ML	NCIS MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbooks: Fresh Market Pepper	LM, MM

* <b>HRF</b> -Hail Rates & Forms	<b>ML</b> -MPCI Loss Adjust.	<b>HL</b> -Hail Loss Adjust.	<b>DP</b> -Data Processing
<b>SRI</b> -Stat. Report Inst.	<b>MRF</b> -MPCI Rates & Forms	<b>MB</b> -Membership	<b>ET</b> -Education/Training