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MEMBERSHIP

NCIS OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, October 11, the NCIS office will be closed in celebration of Columbus Day. (*Dana Ford*)

PUPPE RETIRES

After 11 years with NCIS, Jerry Puppe, Vice President of Loss Adjustment & Insurance Products, retired September 30. Jerry is looking forward to working on some home improvement projects, traveling and perfecting his golf game. We wish Jerry the very best.

CHANGES AT NCIS

Effective October 1, the Loss Adjustment & Insurance Products (LAIP) Division of NCIS is taking on a new look. The division is being restructured into two departments: Education & Communication, and Program Development.

We are pleased to report that Laurence Crane has been promoted to Vice President, and will lead the Education & Communication Department, and that Dave Hall has been promoted to Vice President to head the Program Development Department.

In addition, we are also pleased to report that Frank Schnapp has been promoted to Vice President of the Actuarial and Statistical Information Services Division of NCIS.

MPCI UNDERWRITING

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

A **Final Rule Correction** for the Pecan Revenue Crop Provisions was published September 7, 2004 (though dated September 2).

Of possible interest:

- A **Final Rule** regarding "Revision of Reporting Require-

ments for Fresh Nectarines & Peaches” in California was published [under Agricultural Marketing Service] September 3, 2004. It adopts the Proposed Rule published May 28, 2004.

- An **Interim Rule** revising the “Citrus Canker; Quarantined Areas” in Florida was published [under Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services] September 14, 2004. Any comments are due to APHIS by November 15, 2004.
- A **Final Rule** regarding “Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas” was published [under Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services] September 27, 2004. It adopts the Interim Rule published May 17, 2004, removing certain areas of Arizona and Texas from the list of regulated areas.

Of possible interest - both published 9/28 under Agricultural Marketing Service:

- Almonds Grown in California; Revision of Quality Control Provisions
- Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Change to Reporting Requirements Regarding Other Seedless Raisins

(Chris Lindsay)

2005 POLICIES

The following policy provisions have been issued or will be issued soon.

- 2005-NCIS 902 LRP Basic Provisions & Specific Coverage Endorsements 903 (Swine), 904 (Fed Cattle) & 905 (Feeder Cattle) [NCIS Bulletin #04086]
- 2005-NCIS 912 LGM Basic Provisions & 2005-NCIS 912-CEE LGM Commodity Exchange Endorsement [#04087, as corrected]
- 2005-NCIS 794 Blueberry Crop Provisions [#04096]
- 2005-NCIS 721 Apple Crop Provisions

[pending technical correction in the Federal Register]

- 2005-NCIS 802 Pecan Revenue Crop Provisions [pending RMA determination of whether corrections are needed]

(Chris Lindsay)

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

RMA published four new Final Agency Determinations (FADs) on their web site (under “What’s New” for the date(s) 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-032 [September 8]: RMA determined that section 509 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act [“Exemption of Indemnities from Levy”] does not allow deduction of private policy crop-hail premiums from indemnity payments made under the Act. [No effective year listed; binding “...unless such provisions are revised.”]
- FAD-033 [September 8]: Interpretation of section 2(e)(8) of the Basic Provisions regarding a change in a producer’s status from ineligible to eligible for crops with more than one sales closing date. [Effective for the 2004 and subsequent crop years.]
- FAD-034 [September 9; editorially revised September 28]: Interpretation of section 2(e)(5) of the Basic Provisions regarding timely payments. [Effective for the 2004 and subsequent crop years.]
- FAD-035 [September 8; editorially revised September 28]: Interpretation of section 10 of the Guaranteed Tobacco Crop Provisions regarding fire as “an insurable cause of loss when circumstances causing the fire are unavoidable and when the insured can establish that the ignition

source of the fire is due to a natural cause or natural disaster.” [Effective for the 2004 and subsequent crop years.]

(Chris Lindsay)

MPCI LOSS ADJUSTMENT

LOSS ADJUSTMENT HANDBOOKS

NCIS MPCI loss adjustment procedures M-630 Fresh Market Bean (9-04), and M-304 Strawberry (9-04), are available and are effective for the **2005** and succeeding crop years. NCIS Bulletin 04094 provides 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)

TRAINING

2005 CROP YEAR UPDATE CONFERENCE

The 2005 Spring Update Conference will be held November 9-10, 2004, at the Overland Park Sheraton. Registration information and draft agenda is on the NCIS website and released in bulletin #4099 on September 28, 2004.

(Laurence Crane)

CROP-HAIL

2005 FINAL AVERAGE LOSS COST FILING STATUS

The 2005 Final Average Loss Costs have been filed in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Missis-

issippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming as of July 19, 2004. Illinois Final Average Loss Costs have also been finalized but the Illinois State Insurance Department does not require them to be filed. As of September 30, 2004 NCIS has received approvals from the following: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. *(Therese Stom)*

CROP-HAIL FORM FILING UPDATE

NCIS filed crop-hail form changes for all 48 states for the 2005 crop year. The changes filed include revised special provisions for all states along with new state amendatory endorsements in two states. Approval has been received from all states except Indiana and Maryland. *(Loretta Sobba)*

2004 SCHOOL AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	LOCATION
November 9-10	2005 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
November 18	AGR-Lite	Raleigh, NC

RECENT BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 9/01 through 9/30. 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
4083	09/01/04	6555	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Arizona	CM, H-AZ
4084	09/01/04	6556	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—New Mexico	CM, H-NM
4085	09/01/04	6557	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, VA	CM, H-Several States
4086	09/01/04	2108	MRF	2005 Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) Policy Provisions	M—Several States
4087	09/01/04	2109	MRF	2005 Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) Policy Provisions	M—IA
4088	09/03/04	6558	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Colorado, Montana, Wyoming	CM, H—CO, MT, WY
4089	09/03/04	6559	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington	CM, H—ID, OR, UT, WA
4090	09/03/04	6560	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota	CM, H—MN, ND, SD
4091	09/03/04	6561	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Arkansas & Missouri	CM, H—AR, MO
4092	09/08/04	6562	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin	CM, H—MI, OH, WI
4093	09/08/04	6563	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Texas	CM, H—TX
4094	09/08/04	1068	ML	MPCI Loss Adjustment Handbooks—Fresh Market Bean and Strawberry	LM, MM
4095	09/10/04	168	ET	New Training Unit—2005 LRP Fed Cattle, Feeder Cattle, Swine	MB, ET
4096	09/13/04	2110	MRF	2005 NCIS 794 Blueberry Crop Provisions	M—Several States
4097	09/20/04	2111	MRF	Termination of Crambe Pilot Program	M—ND
4098	09/21/04	1142	SRI	2004 Preliminary Premium Totals Report	CM
4099	09/28/04	169	ET	2005 Spring Update Conference	Misc.
4100	9/28/04	6564	HRF	Crop-Hail Forms for 2005 Crop Year—Nebraska	CM, H—NE

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