

# Crop Talk

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## MEMBERSHIP

### NCIS OFFICE CLOSED

**T**he NCIS office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday! (*Dana Ford*)

## MPCI UNDERWRITING

### IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

**A Final Rule Correction** regarding the “Mint Crop Insurance Provisions” was published May 24, 2007, to correct a reference to one of the subsections (the correct reference is in the 2008-NCIS 828 Mint Crop Provisions issued by NCIS).

A **Proposed Rule** regarding “Coverage Enhancement Option (CEO)” was published June 6, 2007. This would convert this option from a pilot, available only for Texas Citrus Tree policies where available in the actuarial documents, and make other changes as noted. Any comments are due to the RMA Product Administration and Standards Division Director by August 6, 2007.

A **Proposed Rule** regarding “Cultivated Wild Rice Crop Insurance Provisions” was published June 6, 2007. This would convert the pilot to a regulatory program and make other changes as noted. Any comments are due to the RMA Product Administration and Standards Division Director by August 6, 2007.

A **Final Rule** regarding “Termination of Agriculture Board of Contract Appeals” was published June 7, 2007. According to the “Summary” portion of the Final Rule, amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations include replacing this terminated board with “a new consolidated Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA)” that covers the Forest Service and the Office of Procurement and Property Management as well as FCIC.

## **MPCI UNDERWRITING, cont.**

Of possible interest:

- A Request for Application (RFA) **Announcement Modification** regarding “Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States (Targeted States Program)” was published June 20, 2007, modifying the dates and summary in the RFA published March 14, 2007.

A **Proposed Rule** regarding “Citrus Canker; Movement of Fruit From Quarantined Areas” (from Florida) was published [under Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service] June 21, 2007. Any comments are due to APHIS by July 23, 2007. *(Chris Lindsay)*

### **2008 MPCI POLICIES**

**T**he 2008-NCIS 941-GRIP-CEE Commodity Exchange Endorsement for GRIP Wheat is revised for the 2008 crop year [NCIS Bulletin #07057].

*(Chris Lindsay)*

## **TRAINING**

### **2007 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**T**he 2008 conference schedule is set. All meetings will be held at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel. Registration information will be made available on the NCIS website and a bulletin announcing each meeting will be distributed 6-8 weeks prior to each conference.

- 2008 Fall Update Conference — July 23-24, 2007
- 2008 Spring Update Conference — November 6-7, 2007

*(Laurence Crane)*

### **2007 NCIS School and Training Conference Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mid July	Crop-Hail and MPCI	Kansas/Oklahoma
July 16-17	Crop-Hail Corn	Lincoln, NE
July 17-18	Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans & Sunflowers	Centerville, SD
July 17-18	MPCI & C-H Corn and Potatoes	Othello, WA/ Hermiston, OR
July 18-19	New Adjuster & C-H Soybean & Corn	Lamberton, MN
July 23-24	2008 Fall Update Conference	Overland Park, KS
July 23-25	C-H & MPCI Wheat, Corn, Sunflowers, Dry Beans, Canola, Dry Peas & Flax	Fargo, ND
August	MPCI Dry Beans	Scotts Bluff, NE
August 8-9	C-H Corn	Champaign, IL
August 14	Onion School	Greeley, CO
August 21-22	MPCI Peanut	Georgia
August 27-29	Crop-Hail Corn & Cotton	Lubbock, TX
August 29-30	MPCI Corn & Soybeans	Plover, WI
Mid September	Cotton, Soybeans, Sunflowers, Peanuts	Stillwater, OK
November 6-7	2008 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, KS

## RECENT BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 6/1 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.

BUL NO.	DATE	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
7043	6/6/07	1182	ML	2007 Crop-Hail Corn School—Lincoln, NE	SKL, CLM, CM, IA, NE, KO, MO, SD
7044	6/6/07	1206	HL	C-H Soybean Loss Instructions/Pen & Ink Changes	CLM, CM
7045	6/7/07	183	E&T	C-H Soybean Training Unit-Reproductive Stages	MB, ET
7046	6/7/07	184	E&T	C-H Soybean Training Unit-Vegetative Stages	MB, ET
7047	6/8/07	1183	ML	2007 C-H & MPC I Corn, Soybean, Sunflower & Wheat School—Centerville, SD	Misc. Groups
7048	6/11/07	1184	ML	2007 MPC I Nursery School—Manchester, TN	Misc. Groups
7049	6/12/07	2187	MRF	Cultivated Wild Rice Proposed Rule for Comment	MM
7050	6/12/07	2188	MRF	Coverage Enhancement Option (CEO) Proposed Rule for Comment (for Texas Citrus Trees)	MM
7051	6/13/07	185	E&T	2008 Fall Update Conference—Overland Park, KS	Misc. Groups
7052	6/14/07	1514	MB	2008 NCIS Membership	MB
7053	6/15/07	2189	MRF	NCIS MPC I Loss and Underwriting Forms	MM
7054	6/15/07	1185	ML	2007 C-H & MPC I Corn and Potato School—Othello, WA and Hermiston, OR	SKL, CLM, CM, NW, CO, MT, ND, SD
7055	6/19/07	1207	HL	2007 C-H & MPC I School Wheat, Sunflowers, Dry Beans, Dry Peas, Corn, Soybeans, Canola, & Flax—Fargo, ND	SKL, CLM, CM, ND, SD, MN
7056	6/19/07	1208	HL	2007 New Adjuster and C-H Soybean & Corn School—Lamberton, MN	SKL, MN, IA, IW, ND, SD, SLM, CM

\***HRF**-Hail Rates & Forms  
**SRI**-Stat. Report Inst.

**ML**-MPCI Loss Adjust.  
**MRF**-MPCI Rates & Forms

**HL**-Hail Loss Adjust.

**DP**-Data Processing  
**ET**-Education/Training