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MEMBERSHIP

NCIS OFFICE CLOSED

The NCIS office will be closed January 1-2 in observance of the New Year. Have a safe and new year!

(Dana Ford)

MPCI UNDERWRITING

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

A **Final Rule** regarding "Administrative Remedies for Non-Compliance" was published December 18, 2008, and is effective January 20, 2009. (The Proposed Rule was published May 18, 2007). *(Chris Lindsay)*

2009 MPCI POLICIES

The following crop provisions are available (or will be shortly):

- 2009-NCIS 701FB Farm Bill Amendment and 2009-NCIS 777 [rev.11/08] CAT Endorsement [NCIS Bulletin #08105].
- 2009-NCIS 702-BE Pilot Biotechnology Endorsement [pending].

(Chris Lindsay)

FINAL AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

The RMA published the following FADs on their web site under "What's New" for the applicable date. According to the regulations, these determinations are "...binding on all participants in the Federal crop insurance program for the 2006 and succeeding crop years."

- FAD-97 [December 3, 2008]: An interpretation of Basic Provisions section 14(a), (b), (d), (e) & (h) under "Your Duties" [and equivalent sections of the CRC & RA Basic Provisions] regarding when the insured fails to comply with the requirements of this section so the AIP cannot accurately adjust the loss.
- FAD-98 [December 3, 2008]: An interpretation of Basic Provisions section 34(b) & (e) [and equivalent sections of the CRC & RA Basic Provisions] regarding when the insured does not provide the separate records required for optional units.

(Chris Lindsay)

MPCI UNDERWRITING, cont.

PERENNIAL UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES

The Valdosta Regional Office issued an Informational Memorandum (dated December 3, and posted on the RMA web site under "What's New" for December 8), with "2010 AIP Underwriting Guidelines for Florida Citrus Fruit Crops," in addition to the procedures in the CIH for the 2010 crop year. *(Chris Lindsay)*

CROP-HAIL UNDERWRITING

CROP-HAIL FORMS

NCIS Crop-Hail form changes have been filed or revised in all states for the 2009 crop season. Form changes have now been approved or acknowledged by all states except Massachusetts. NCIS is not required to file Crop-Hail forms in Colorado, Pennsylvania, or Virginia. *(Loretta Sobba)*

TRAINING

2009 CLAIMS MANAGERS' CONFERENCE

The 2009 Claims Managers' Conference will be held on January 13-14, 2009, at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. NCIS bulletin #8096, distributed on 11/24/08, contains registration and hotel information.

NOTE: The conference will be at the Doubletree Hotel and NOT at the Sheraton Hotel where other conferences have been held in the past. *(Laurence Crane)*

2009 NCIS REGIONAL/STATE COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	MEETING DATE	LOCATION
Minnesota, North Dakota & South Dakota	January 6-7, 2009	Morton, MN
Colorado/Wyoming	January 8, 2009	Limon, CO
Gulf States	January 15, 2009	Tunica, MS
Southwest	January 29-30	South Padre Island, TX
Indiana/Ohio/Michigan	February 5, 2009	Indianapolis, IN
Illinois/Wisconsin	February 5, 2009	Springfield, IL
Kentucky/Tennessee	February 5, 2009	Nashville, TN
California/Nevada	February 5-6, 2009	Monterey, CA
Nebraska and Iowa	February 10-11, 2009	Council Bluffs, IA
Kansas/Oklahoma	February 19, 2009	Oklahoma City, OK
Missouri	February 24, 2009	Columbia, MO
Northwest and Montana	March 3, 2009	Missoula, MT
Southeast and East	March 3-4, 2009	Hilton Head, SC

RECENT BULLETINS

The following bulletins were issued 12/1 through 12/31. 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.

BUL NO.	DATE	SERIES*	TYPE	TITLE	DISTRIBUTION
8098	12/05/08	1216	ML	2009 Gulf States R/S Annual Meeting-Tunica, MS	Members
8099	12/15/08	2241	MRF	NCIS MPCII Loss Forms	Members
8100	12/15/08	1217	ML	2009 IL/WI R/S Annual Meeting-Springfield, IL	Members
8101	12/15/08	1218	ML	2009 KY/TN R/S Annual Meeting-Nashville, TN	Members
8102	12/15/08	1219	ML	2009 IA & NE R/S Annual Meeting-Council Bluffs, IA	Members
8103	12/19/09	1220	ML	2009 Southwest R/S Annual Meeting-South Padre Island, TX	Members
8104	12/19/08	1221	ML	2009 IN/OH/MI R/S Annual Meeting-Indianapolis, IN	Members
8105	12/22/08	2242	MRF	2009-NCIS 701-FB Farm Bill Amendment & 2009-NCIS 777 [rev. 11/08] CAT Endorsement	Members-All States
8106	12/22/08	2243	MRF	Interim Rule for Comment on Farm Bill Revisions to the Basic Provisions, GRP Basic Provisions & CAT Endorsement	MPCI Members
8107	12/23/08	2244	MRF	NCIS MPCII Underwriting Forms	Members
8108	12/30/08	1222	ML	2009 CA/NV R/S Annual Meeting – Monterey, CA	Members