

# CropTalk



## MPCI Underwriting

### IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER

A **Final Rule Correction** titled “General Administrative Regulations; Administrative Remedies for Non-Compliance; Correcting Amendments” was published March 19, 2009. The corrected phrases apply to the Final Rule published December 18, 2008, and match the language added in the Sanctions Amendment [2009-NCIS 701-S].

A **Final Rule** regarding the “Tobacco Crop Insurance Provisions” was published March 26, 2009. The new Tobacco Crop Provisions will be effective for the 2010 crop year, replacing the Guaranteed Tobacco and Quota Tobacco Crop Provisions.

A “**Notice of Proposed Revision to the Privacy Act System of Records**” was published [under USDA] March 5, 2009, regarding the addition of a new OIG Privacy Act system of records. Any comments are due to OIG by April 6, 2009.  
(Chris Lindsay)

### 2009/2010 MPCI POLICIES

The following crop provisions are available or will be shortly:

- New 2009-NCIS 969 GRP Oysters Basic Provisions and 2009-NCIS 969D Oyster GRP Disclaimer are available [NCIS Bulletin #09016]. The new GRP Oyster policy is available in selected Louisiana counties.
- 2010-NCIS 810 Cabbage Crop Provisions [pending].  
(Chris Lindsay)

### MPCI PROCEDURES

The RMA issued Informational Memorandum PM-09-014 (3/6/09) regarding “Production Reporting Requirements to Qualify for an Enterprise Unit” for the APH, CRC and RA plans. (Chris Lindsay)



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Laurie Langstraat, Editor

## Training

### NCIS CONFERENCES

The dates for the 2009 NCIS conferences are listed below. All conferences will be held at the Sheraton in Overland Park, Kan. A bulletin for each conference will be distributed 6-8 weeks prior and will continue registration information and a tentative agenda. Be watching your mail and the NCIS website for more information.

- 2009 Program Integrity Conference—May 18-19, 2009
- 2010 Fall Update Conference—July 21-22, 2009
- 2010 Spring Update Conference—November 5-6, 2009  
(Laurence Crane)

# Membership

## Crop Insurance Industry Donates Money to Hidden Harvest Charity

The crop insurance industry presented a check for over \$2,500 to the Hidden Harvest charity located in the Coachella Valley of southern California. The money was raised during the crop insurance industry's annual convention in February.

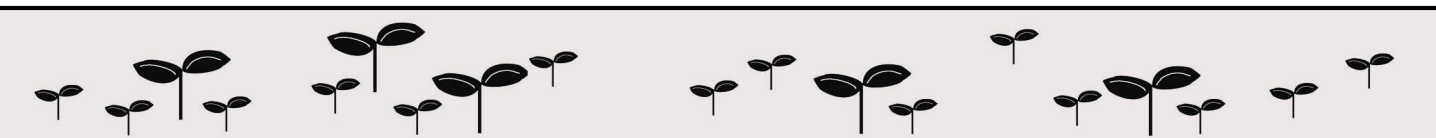
"We were very pleased with the generosity of the members of our association to give to such a great organization," said Bob Parkerson, president of National Crop Insurance Services, one of the trade associations co-sponsoring the annual convention. "It was the first year we have done something like this during our event, but I think it's definitely something we'll continue to do in the future."

Hidden Harvest's mission is to glean or "rescue" produce from Coachella Valley fields and packing houses. The Valley is one of the largest agricultural regions in the nation yet few people realize that millions of pounds of nutritious, locally-grown produce are left behind after the harvest is complete.

Hidden Harvest is the only organization in the country that pays low-income, experienced farm workers to glean fields. The food is given to more than 60 agencies that serve the poor. In addition, Hidden Harvest educates the media and public about hunger and nutrition issues, provides cooking classes so people learn how to prepare the food they are given, and run a non-perishable food bank serving an average of 1,200 families a month.

"We can't thank you enough for your generous contribution," said Christy Porter, founder and director of Hidden Harvest, told the attendees at the annual convention. "This will go such a long way in continuing the work we do at Hidden Harvest and helping the people of the Coachella Valley."

*(Laurie Langstraat)*



## NCIS Bulletins

The following bulletins were issued 3/1 through 3/31. 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
9016	3/11/09	2250	MRF	2009 NCIS 969 GRP Oysters Policy	Members-LA
9017	3/12/09	2251	MRF	NCIS MPC I Loss & Underwriting Forms	Members
9018	3/19/09	1228	ML	2009 MPC I School—Abilene, Texas	SWR, KO, CLM, CM, SKL
9019	3/24/09	1526	MB	NCIS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—February 2009	Members
9020	3/26/09	1229	ML	2009 California Prevented Planting School-Fresno, Calif.	CA, NW, CLM
9021	3/27/09	196	E&T	2009 Program Integrity Conference-Overland Park, Kansas	ETC
9022	3/27/09	2252	MRF	NCIS MPC I Underwriting Forms	Members

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**ML**-MPCI Loss Adjust.

**HL**-Hail Loss Adjust.

**DP**-Data Processing

**SRI**-Stat. Report Inst.

**MRF**-MPCI Rates & Forms

**MB**-Membership

**ET**-Education/Training

## 2009 NCIS Schools, Meetings, & Conferences

Date	School/Meeting/Conference	Location
April 21	California Prevented Planting School	Fresno, Calif.
April 28-29	MPCI Quality Adjustment, Controversial Claims, Unit Structure, Program Integrity School	Abilene, Texas
May 12-13	MPCI & CH Corn, Soybeans & Wheat School (limit 75 people)	Blackwell, Okla.
May 18-19	2009 Program Integrity Conference	Overland Park, Kan.
June 2-3	MPCI Cherries & Dry Peas School (Train the Trainer—4 people/company with 1 additional spot for companies providing speakers)	Pasco, Wash.
June 23-24	TBD	Moccasin, Mont.
July	TBD	Centerville, SD
July 22-23	TBD	Lamberton, Minn.
July 21-22	2010 Fall Update Conference	Overland Park, Kan.
July 27-29	TBD	Fargo, ND
August 18-19	TBD	Dodge City, Kan.
November 5-6	2010 Spring Update Conference	Overland Park, Kan.

