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## Topics this week:

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- Regional/State Committee Chairmen Training takes place at NCIS
- NCIS develops response to inaccuracies in Minneapolis Star Tribune Op-Ed
- Future events calendar



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We find ourselves at an important time in crop insurance history. Our industry is the catalyst for delivering the cornerstone of risk management for America's farmers and ranchers. With so many new and important happenings taking place, we bring you a "round-up" of NCIS activities, meetings, projects and progress. A list of future events will also be included in each edition.

We welcome your comments and look forward to sharing this update with you.

### AIP Representatives Meet with Under Secretary Scuse and RMA Staff

The inaugural Federal Crop Insurance Partnership meeting took place Monday, March 19 in Washington, DC. Representatives from all 15 AIP companies, along with staff from AACI, CIRB and NCIS met with Under Secretary Michael Scuse and senior RMA personnel.

The meeting allowed for open dialog and discussion between the two groups. Under Secretary Scuse welcomed the group and noted that crop insurance is the strongest and best public-private partnership of which he is aware. The AIP's raised concerns over transparency and sharing of information, clarification and defining of the rate of return analysis, continuing 2011 issues and collaborative relationship efforts.

Both groups agreed to organize small workgroups to tackle outstanding issues that need resolution.

The next Federal Crop Insurance Partnership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

### Regional/State Chairmen Training Meeting takes place at NCIS

The NCIS Regional/State committee structure is divided geographically into 18 groups. Each committee conducts their Annual Meeting during the first quarter of the year. In addition to the regular agenda, the committees elect a Chairman, with the term serving two years. The Chairmen come together every March to participate in a two-day training session that educates them on the functions of NCIS and prepares them to run their committee meetings effectively and efficiently. The Regional/State committees are the grass-roots of our committee structure and we appreciate the time and effort of those involved as well as the companies for allowing their staff to serve in these important capacities.



### NCIS Developed a Response to Inaccuracies in Minnesota Star Tribune Op-Ed

NCIS developed a response to the editor of the Minneapolis Star Tribune regarding inaccuracies in the March 26<sup>th</sup> Op-Ed piece about Crop Insurance. A corn grower from Minnesota signed and submitted the letter to the editor late Tuesday evening. To read the original Op-Ed piece [click here](#). His response was published Sunday, April 1. To read the response [click here](#).

	Future Meetings and Events Calendar		
	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
	<b>2012 Meetings</b>		
	NCIS Training Committee	April 3 & 4	Overland Park
	NCIS Communications & Outreach Committee	April 4	Overland Park
	NCIS MPCJ/PPLA Committee	April 17 & 18	Overland Park
	NCIS CH/PPLA Committee	April 18 & 19	Overland Park
	Production Reporting Workgroup	April 26	Overland Park
	NCIS TIP Committee	May 1 & 2	Overland Park
	NCIS CH A&S Committee	May 3 & 4	Overland Park
	FCIC Board Meeting	May 8 - 10	Washington, DC
	Data Mining Steering Committee	May 10	Stephenville, TX
	NCIS Program Development Committee	May 15 & 16	Overland Park
	NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 25 & 26	Burlington, VT
	Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting	June 27	Washington, DC
	NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 24 & 25	Overland Park, KS
	FCIC Board Meeting	August 7 - 9	Washington, DC
	NAIC Meeting	August 11 - 14	Atlanta, GA
	FCIC Board Meeting	September 18 - 20	Kansas City, MO
	NCIS Board Meeting	September 19 & 20	Overland Park, KS
	FCIC Board Meeting	November 6 - 8	Washington, DC
	NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 7 & 8	Overland Park, KS
	Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting	November 27 & 28	Washington, DC
	NAIC Meeting	Nov 29 - Dec 2	Washington, DC
	NCIS Board Meeting	December 13 & 14	Scottsdale, AZ
	<b>2013 Meetings</b>		
	NCIS Claims Managers Conference	January 23 & 24	Overland Park, KS
	Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention	February 10 - 13	Indian Wells, CA
	Commodity Classic	Feb 28 - March 2	Kissimmee, FL
	NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16 & 17	Overland Park, KS
	NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 6 & 7	Overland Park, KS