

Topics this week:

- MPCI/PPLA Committee Meeting Held at NCIS
- CH/PPLA Committee Meeting Held at NCIS
- Farm Safety Net Roundtable Discussion Held in Washington D.C.



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Another active week at NCIS. With many new and important developments taking place in our industry, 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.

Multi-Peril Crop Insurance, Procedure and Loss Adjustment (MPCI/PPLA) Committee Meeting Held at NCIS

The NCIS MPC/Policy, Procedures and Loss Adjustment Committee met at the NCIS office this week. This Committee is comprised of company staff having claims or quality control responsibilities within their companies. The Committee acted on six separate MPC recommendations submitted by various NCIS Regional/State Committees. In addition, the Committee discussed items including 2012 Tobacco Quality Assurance (QA) changes, prevented planting issues, issues regarding 2012 Special Provisions statements, commingled production procedures, and proposed changes to the Small Grains Appraisal Worksheet. On the second day of the meeting the Committee welcomed representatives from RMA, who provided an update and participated in discussion of MPC issues.

Crop-Hail Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment Committee (CH/PPLA) Meeting Held at NCIS

The NCIS Crop-Hail Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment Committee also met at the NCIS office this past week. The Committee reviewed research results from several NCIS-sponsored projects including stand reduction on corn, defoliation and stand reduction on peanuts, defoliation on dry beans, cut-offs and node removal on dry field peas and limb removal on cotton. Other issues for review and discussion included regional/state committee recommendations, potential form changes for the 2013 crop year, loss form updates and crop guidelines and procedures.



Farm Safety Net Roundtable Discussion Held in Washington, D.C.

On Thursday, April 19, Tom Zacharias and Keith Collins participated in a roundtable dinner and discussion in Washington, D.C. Sara Wyant, Agri-Pulse Communications hosted this session where the topic was: "Crafting New Legs for the Farm Safety Net: The Federal Government's Role in Risk Management."

The goal of the roundtables is to bring a small group of influential and well-informed guests, drawn from government, corporations, associations, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), universities, and think tanks, to discuss various aspects of this subject in an off-the-record setting.

Tom and Keith led off the discussion and gave a short history on the crop insurance program and the challenges facing our industry.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar

| <i>Event</i> | <i>Date(s)</i> |
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| 2012 Meetings | |
| NCIS MPCl/PPLA Committee | April 17 & 18 |
| NCIS CH/PPLA Committee | April 18 & 19 |
| Production Reporting Workgroup | April 26 |
| NCIS TIP Committee | May 1 & 2 |
| NCIS CH A&S Committee | May 3 & 4 |
| FCIC Board Meeting | May 8-10 |
| Data Mining Steering Committee | May 10 |
| NCIS Program Development Committee | May 15 & 16 |
| Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting | June 21 |
| NCIS Board of Directors Meeting | June 25 & 26 |
| NCIS Fall Update Conference | July 24 & 25 |
| FCIC Board Meeting | August 7-9 |
| NAIC Meeting | August 11-14 |
| FCIC Board Meeting | September 18-20 |
| NCIS Board of Directors Meeting | September 19 & 20 |
| FCIC Board Meeting | November 6-8 |
| NCIS Spring Update Conference | November 7 & 8 |
| Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting | November 27 & 28 |
| NAIC Meeting | Nov 29 – Dec 2 |
| NCIS Board of Directors Meeting | December 13 & 14 |
| 2013 Meetings | |
| NCIS Claims Managers Conference | January 23 & 24 |
| Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention | February 10-13 |
| Commodity Classic | Feb 28 – March 2 |
| NCIS Fall Update Conference | July 16 & 17 |
| NCIS Spring Update Conference | November 6 & 7 |