



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- AAEA Meeting Held in Seattle, Washington
- Drought, Feed and Grain Quality Workshop Held in Ankeny, Iowa
- CH and MPC I Sunflower Advanced Crop School



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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.

Annual Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting Held in Seattle, Washington

NCIS Staff Laurence Crane and Keith Collins organized and participated in the Crop Insurance and Farm Program discussion at the recent AAEA meeting held in Seattle, Washington. Panelists included Tom Zacharias, NCIS; Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University; and Kent Lanclos, USDA-Risk Management Agency. The objective of this symposium was to discuss the relative roles and performance of crop insurance and farm programs in the farm safety net and their potential roles in the agricultural support programs of the future.

Keith Collins and Harun Bulut, NCIS Staff, presented a poster at the AAEA Meeting. Attached is a link to the poster.

<http://ageconsearch.umn.edu/bitstream/124828/2/Bulut%20and%20Collins%20Poster%20May%2031%202012.pdf>

Drought, Feed and Grain Quality Workshop Held in Ankeny, Iowa

NCIS staff participated in the Drought, Feed and Grain Quality Workshop that was held in Ankeny, Iowa on August 16. The workshop was focused on the drought and how it may impact Agricultural Business in Iowa. NCIS and RMA/KC spoke on the crop insurance issues and how they will impact the producer.



Crop-Hail and MPCl Sunflower Advanced Crop School

The NCIS Sunflower Advanced Crop School took place last week at the University of Nebraska Panhandle and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska with over 80 adjusters in attendance. This two day in-depth, field-oriented, hands-on workshop taught the management of sunflower production, including the diagnosis of production problems in the western Great Plains and the sunflower production regions of the Rocky Mountains. Crop-Hail and MPCl sunflower adjusting procedures were also covered. Nebraska CCA (Certified Crop Advisor) credits as well as Wyoming continuing education credits could be earned upon completion of the workshop.



Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2012 Meetings</u>		
CH & MPC Cotton and Grain Sorghum School	August 28	Lubbock, TX
FCIC Board Meeting	September 18-20	Kansas City, MO
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 18 & 19	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 Fall Meeting	Nov 29 – Dec 2	Washington, DC
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 13 & 14	Off-site
<u>2013 Meetings</u>		
NCIS Claims Managers Conference	January 23 & 24	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention	February 10-13	Palm Springs, CA
Commodity Classic	Feb 28 – March 2	Kissimmee, FL
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16 & 17	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 6 & 7	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 15-18	Washington, DC