



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- AIPs and RMA Meet in Washington, D.C.
- NCIS Conducts RMA Funded Risk Management Education Project
- NAIC Meeting 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.

Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) and RMA Attend Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Representatives from the AIPs met with Under Secretary Scuse, Deputy Under Secretary Karis Gutter, RMA Administrator William Murphy and senior RMA personnel on November 27 in Washington, D.C. This is a follow-up to industry efforts to continually exchange information and dialogue with USDA/RMA and the companies.

NCIS Conducts RMA Funded Risk Management Education Project

As part of an RMA funded Cooperative Agreement, NCIS is conducting a series of Risk Management Education workshops in cooperation with the University of Arkansas—Pine Bluff and Alcorn State University in Mississippi. The objective of this educational activity is to help African American farmers and ranchers in the Strike Force counties of Arkansas and Mississippi develop risk management plans for their farms. This training consists of a series of three workshops in each state and 60 hours of individualized instruction. The first round of workshops was held November 27 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and November 29 in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is Project Director of this activity.

NAIC Fall Meeting Held in Washington, D.C.

Tom Zacharias, Mike Sieben, and Dean Strasser participated in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Crop Insurance Working Group's (CIWG) meeting held in Washington D.C. on November 29. Also participating was RMA Deputy Administrator Michael Alston. Two of the principal functions of CIWG are to monitor the activities of the FCIC that affect state insurance regulators and serve as a forum for discussing issues related to the interaction of federal crop insurance programs with state insurance regulation. A status update on the Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP®); an update on how the current claim season is progressing; and an overview of proposed farm bill legislation and possible effects on Federal crop insurance were provided. Currently there are 5490 adjusters with valid CAPP® cards and so far in 2012, 611 adjusters have gained CAPP® accreditation. Efforts of the past few years by state regulators to develop and adopt uniform licensing requirements is appreciated and has aided the ability of getting adjusters to heavy loss areas, especially in years like 2011 and 2012. Also a status report was given on the updates to the NAIC's Crop Insurance Handbook for regulators.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2012 Meetings</u>		
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 13 & 14	Off-site
<u>2013 Meetings</u>		
Colorado - Wyoming R/S Meeting	January 3	Littleton, CO
Minnesota - N. Dakota - S. Dakota Regional/State Meeting	January 8-9	Flandreau, SD
Gulf States Regional/State Meeting	January 10	Biloxi, MS
NCIS Claims Managers Conference	January 23 & 24	Overland Park, KS
Illinois - Wisconsin Regional/State Meeting	January 29	Springfield, IL
Southwest Regional/State Meeting	Jan 31-Feb 1	San Antonio, TX
Nebraska - Iowa Regional/State Meeting	February 5-6	Council Bluffs, IA
Indiana - Ohio - Michigan Regional/State Meeting	February 7	Ft. Wayne, IN
Kentucky - Tennessee Regional/State Meeting	February 7	Bowling Green, KY
Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention	February 10-13	Indian Wells, CA
Kansas - Oklahoma Regional/State Mtg.	February 12	Oklahoma City, OK
Missouri Regional/State Meeting	February 19	Columbia, MO
California - Nevada Regional/State Mtg.	February 19-20	Monterey, CA
Commodity Classic	Feb 28 – March 2	Kissimmee, FL
Northwest - Montana Regional/State Meeting	March 5	Missoula, MT
Southeast-East Regional/State Meeting	March 5-6	Charleston, SC
Regional State Chairman Training	March 26-27	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Program Development Committee Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
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