



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- NCIS Board of Directors Holds Meeting
- NCIS Blueberry and Stonefruit Field Day School
- NCIS Visit to Canada



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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.

NCIS Board of Directors Holds Meeting

The NCIS Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting June 25 and 26. The Board meets quarterly to discuss issues affecting NCIS membership. Topics addressed at the June meeting included major RMA / MPCl program issues, NCIS and Industry public relations activities, Farm Bill status, and reports from the various NCIS Standing Committees. Following each Board meeting, an all-AIP conference call is held so that communication continues throughout the entire membership.



NCIS Blueberry and Stonefruit Field Day School

The NCIS Blueberry and Stonefruit Field Day was held in Kennewick, Washington June 27 and 28. The purpose of the school was to provide MPCl and Crop-Hail loss adjusters the basic MPCl and Crop-Hail loss adjustment instruction, update education, and agronomic information. This school was open to NCIS members and adjusters, RMA employees, and invited educators. Participants had hands-on training in blueberry and apricot plots. NCIS holds several schools throughout the year on various topics.



NCIS Visit to Canada

Dr. Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS Director Ag Research and Technology, traveled to Canada to meet with the Canadian member companies during the week of July 2. Mark also visited the University of Saskatchewan and Researcher Steve Shirtliffe to view and discuss the current and future research on canola in Canada. A field of canola is shown below.



Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2012 Meetings</u>		
CH Corn, Soybeans & Oats/MPCI Forage	July 12	Beresford, SD
MPCI Florida Citrus Fruit, Fresh Market Sweet Corn and Fresh Market Tomato	July 17 & 18	Kissimmee, FL
New Adjuster School	July 23	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail School	July 24	Fargo, ND
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 24 & 25	Overland Park, KS
MPCI School	July 25	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail School	July 25 & 26	Champaign, IL
TBD	August ??	Kansas
New Adjuster School	August 1	Lamberton, MN
Experienced Adjusters School	August 2	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail Soybeans and Corn School	August 1 & 2	Ames, IA
FCIC Board Meeting	August 7-9	Washington, D.C.
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 11-14	Atlanta, GA
Sunflower School	August 14 & 15	Scottsbluff, NE
CH & MPCI Cotton and Grain Sorghum School	August 28 & 29	Lubbock, TX
FCIC Board Meeting	September 18-20	Kansas City, MO
NCIS Board of Directors 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 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