

# What's Happening at NCIS

July 30, 2012

## Topics this week:

- NCIS Fall Update Conference
- Written Agreement Work Group Meets in KC
- Data Mining Steering Committee and AIP Quality Control Managers Meet in KC
- New Adjusters School, CH School, MPCI School Held in Fargo, ND
- C-H Corn, Soybean and Wheat School Held in Champaign, IL

*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 Fall Update Conference

The NCIS Fall Update Conference was held July 24 and 25 in Overland Park, Kansas. With over 270 company trainers, underwriters, and RMA staff participating, this was one of the largest update conferences held. This conference provides trainers with updated technical information and training materials needed to prepare and conduct their company Fall training for the 2013 crop year. Areas of interest covered were MPCI Policies, Crop Insurance Handbook, Written Agreements and Program Integrity issues.



## Written Agreement Work Group Meets in Kansas City

A Written Agreement Work Group meeting was held at the NCIS offices with RMA, AIPs and NCIS staff in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to find ways of improving the Written Agreement process and to expedite the approval timeframe.



### **Data Mining Steering Committee and AIP Quality Control Managers Meet in Kansas City**

The Data Mining Steering Committee and AIP Quality Control Managers met with members of the RMA/DC Staff, NCIS staff and others involved in Data Mining. The group was updated on various data mining initiatives including HyDRA and PRISM\* access, the use of satellite imagery for prevented planting purposes, and scenarios associated with the ARPA and Spot Check lists.

\* HyDRA is a centralized system that will allow the CAE to deploy information products and reports to RMA and AIPs in support of their quality control efforts. PRISM (Parameter-elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model) climate mapping system



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### **New Adjuster School, Crop-Hail School and MPCl School Held in Fargo, North Dakota**

The New Adjuster School, Crop-Hail School and MPCl School were held in Fargo, North Dakota this past week on the campus of North Dakota State University. Each school provided both classroom and hands-on adjusting in the field. The New Adjuster School provided new loss adjusters with basic Crop-Hail instruction and updated education. The Crop-Hail school focused on wheat, sunflowers, dry beans, corn, soybeans, and barley; and the MPCl School focused on wheat, corn and soybeans.

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### **Crop-Hail Corn and Soybean Field Day/Wheat Classroom School Held in Champaign, Illinois**

Over 190 Crop Hail adjusters attended the Crop Hail Corn, Soybean and Wheat School in Champaign, Illinois. The adjusters spent the first day in a classroom session learning how to adjust losses according to the Crop Hail Loss procedures and how to complete the loss adjustment worksheets. The second half-day was spent at the University of Illinois Research Station working with plot leaders on methods to adjust losses on corn and soybeans in the field.



**Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b><u>2012 Meetings</u></b>		
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
MPCI & CH Corn, Soybeans and Sugar Beets	August 7	Huntley, MT
FCIC Board Meeting	August 7-9	Washington, D.C.
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 11-14	Atlanta, GA
MPCI & CH Sunflower Advanced Cropping 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 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
<b><u>2013 Meetings</u></b>		
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