

Topics this week:

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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.

Program Development Committee (PDC) Meets at NCIS

The NCIS Program Development Committee (PDC) met at NCIS last week. The PDC is comprised of representatives from each of the NCIS standing committees including MPCl Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; Crop-Hail Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; Training and Education; Communications and Outreach; Crop-Hail Actuarial and Statistics; Technology and Information Processing; and MPCl Actuarial and Statistics. Members of the PDC are briefed on issues affecting the crop insurance industry that are recommended by the various standing committees. Approved issues are then voted on by the Board of Directors.



House of Representatives Subcommittee Hearing Held in Washington, D.C.

The House Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management conducted a hearing in Washington, D.C. May 16 and May 17. The topic of discussion was “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance.”

“Crop insurance has become the powerful risk management tool that Congress designed it to be, garnering widespread support from all segments of agriculture, banking and most importantly, farmers,” said Ruth Gerdes during her testimony May 17 to the Subcommittee in Washington D.C.

Dr. Keith Collins also participated in an earlier portion of the hearing on May 16. He stated that “the expanding role of crop insurance in the farm safety net signals several key features that farmers and policymakers find attractive.” Dr. Collins also explained that these features include the requirement that a producer has to proactively elect to manage risks, the availability of insurance plans that can be designed to fit individual farm risks, the idea that producers share in the program costs, and accountability that comes with cost sharing.

Tim Weber, President Great American Crop Division and Vice Chairman of the NCIS Board of Directors, also testified at the hearing on May 17, stating it was a good thing for taxpayers and farmers that crop insurance was so effective, given the level of loss experienced by farmers last year. He also emphasized that the uncertain weather in recent years has taught us that crop insurance is absolutely critical.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
<u>2012 Meetings</u>	
Crop-Hail Wheat and Corn School	June 12 & 13
CH and MPCI Dry Peas, Lentils, Forage, and Small Grains School	June 19 & 20
Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting	June 21
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 25 & 26
Blueberry and Stonefruit School	June 27 & 28
CH Corn, Soybeans and Oats/MPCI Forage	July 12
New Adjuster School	July 23
Crop-Hail School	July 24
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 24 & 25
MPCI School	July 25
Crop-Hail School	August ??
Crop-Hail Soybeans and Corn School	August 1 & 2
New Adjuster School	August 1
Experienced Adjusters School	August 2
FCIC Board Meeting	August 7-9
NAIC Meeting	August 11-14
Sunflower School	August 14 & 15
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
<u>2013 Meetings</u>	
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