



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- **NCIS Guest Lecture at Texas A&M**
- **AALA Agricultural Law Symposium 2012**



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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 Guest Lecture at Texas A&M

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias was invited to teach a section of the "Agricultural and Food Policy" class at Texas A&M University this past week. The class instructor is Dr. Joe Outlaw, Co-Director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at A&M. There are 150 students in the class that are primarily juniors and seniors. Out of every class there are usually five to six students that ultimately work in Washington DC as Congressional staff. The class is currently focusing on the government safety net for farmers and the Farm Bill.

## American Agricultural Law Association (AALA) Agricultural Law Symposium 2012

NCIS Counsels, John Owen and Chuck Lee, attended the AALA American Agricultural Law Association Symposium 2012 held in Nashville, Tennessee, this past week. Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, USDA, opened the program with remarks followed by a question and answer period, primarily regarding the status of the Farm Bill and the expected ramifications if Congress fails to enact legislation during the lame duck session.

David Grahn, USDA General Counsel's office, presented a Federal Agricultural Policy Update that included his views on various issues, including the present status and future of crop insurance.

The program concluded with a roundtable discussion regarding the 2012 Farm Bill with participants including Charles Fluharty, Rural Policy Institute; Bart Fischer, Chief Economist of the House Agricultural Law Committee; and Anne Hazlett, Chief Counsel to the Senate Agricultural Committee.

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b><u>2012 Meetings</u></b>		
FCIC Board Meeting	November 6-8	Washington, DC
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 7 & 8	Overland Park, KS
Federal Crop Insurance Partnership Meeting (Tentative)	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>		
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	Bi8loxi, 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 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