



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- **NCIS Presentation at Minnesota Crop Insurance Conference**
- **Weekly Radio Spots**



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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 Presentation at Minnesota Crop Insurance Conference

On September 12, NCIS made a presentation at a workshop for crop insurance providers at the Minnesota Crop Insurance Conference in Mankato, Minnesota. The presentation, which dealt with Rating Methods for Production Plan, reviewed the growth and performance of the Production Plan program, discussed issues that influence the choice of ratemaking procedures, and provided a brief overview of the method that NCIS uses to develop rating factors for Production Plan. The conference also included presentations on Farm Bill issues, crop production costs and farm income trends, and included an update from RMA Administrator Bill Murphy. In addition, the organizers recognized the contribution of Dr. Laurence Crane of NCIS in helping to organize the first of these agent education events a decade ago.

Weekly Radio Spots

For the last six weeks, Tom Zacharias has been recording a weekly drought and industry update radio spot with the National Association of Farm Broadcasting's (NAFB) news service. The radio spots cover everything from current indemnity payment updates to status reports on crop conditions. The main goal for the pieces are to assure farmers that the industry is working hard to process claims as quickly, efficiently and accurately as possible, as well as incorporating our positive messages throughout each recorded piece.

The radio spots have been consistently picked up by many stations throughout the U.S.; but the majority of the stations are in the Midwest and Southern Plains, which include: Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. More than 200 stations typically broadcast the piece each week. If you would like to know if the broadcast is picked up by a station in your listening area, please contact Laurie Langstraat at lauriel@ag-risk.org.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2012 Meetings</u>		
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 (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
<u>2013 Meetings</u>		
NCIS Claims Managers Conference	January 23 & 24	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention	February 10-13	Indian Wells, 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