

Topics this week:

- NCIS Board of Directors Meeting
- Production Reporting Work Group Meeting
- 6th National Small Farm Conference



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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 Holds Board of Directors Meeting

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Overland Park on September 18-19. With the challenges affecting the crop insurance industry today, it is important to exchange information and discuss new initiatives. During the meeting the FCIC Board of Directors, along with Karis Gutter, Deputy Under Secretary; Dr. Joe Glauber, USDA Chief Economist; and Bill Murphy, USDA/RMA Administrator, met with the NCIS Board to exchange information and further the relationship between Industry and RMA. Three new memberships were approved by the Board at the September meeting: Global Ag Insurance Solutions, International Ag Insurance Solutions, and The Climate Insurance Agency. In addition, the 2013 Crop-Hail research projects were approved.



Production Reporting Work Group Meeting

The Production Reporting Work Group met at NCIS on Thursday, September 20. Representatives from the Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) and NCIS met with RMA to discuss the Acreage Crop Reporting and Streamlining Initiative, Common Land Unit (CLU) shape file issues, Comprehensive Information management System issues, CLU Policyholder Acceptance and Storage System reporting requirements and validations. RMA also provided an update on its efforts to enhance the Actual Production History (APH) program. The Work Group will meet again in November to follow up on activities being undertaken to improve the CLU acreage reporting process, as well as to review RMA's efforts in drafting an update to the APH regulation.



Sixth National Small Farm Conference

NCIS participated in the Sixth National Small Farm Conference, September 18-20, in Memphis, Tennessee. Every three years USDA/ NIFA (The National Institute of Food and Agriculture—the former Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service) hosts a national conference focusing on the interests and needs of small agricultural producers. This year’s theme was “Promoting Success of Small Farms and Ranches.” Dr. Laurence Crane reported on industry efforts to increase participation in the crop insurance program by the target audience. He conducted a workshop on helping small farmers and ranchers develop personal risk management plans that include using crop insurance. Over 700 individuals attended the conference, consisting of producers, university educators, and allied professionals.

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	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