



What's Happening at NCIS

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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.

House Agriculture Committee Sponsors Crop Insurance Briefing

On Monday, April 15, the House Agriculture General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee held a crop insurance briefing to educate members and staff on crop insurance.

The sponsors of the briefing included Subcommittee Chairman, Mike Conaway (R-TX), Ranking Member David Scott (D-GA); House Agriculture Committee Members Jim Costa (D-CA) and Rodney Davis (R-IL). The House Agriculture Committee staff provided the hearing room and assisted in inviting and encouraging staff to attend. More than 50 House staffers attended the briefing. Three House members provided introductory remarks; and Dr. Keith Collins, former USDA Chief Economist and current economic advisor to National Crop Insurance Services, was the primary speaker at the briefing.

Training and Education Committee Meets in Overland Park

The Training and Education Committee met April 16 and 17 at the NCIS office. Five new members were welcomed to the committee. The committee discussed the purpose, length, timing, attendance of the NCIS Update Conferences, and training format expectations. Members volunteered to review Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP) exam questions in January 2014. These questions are reviewed every eighteen months by NCIS staff and committee volunteers for composition, size, and statistical rating. The committee also discussed alternative methods to improve company access and use of the CAPP system. Competency exams for Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) and Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) were introduced, and adjuster/agent competency exams reviewed. NCIS staff reported on adjuster state licensing updates, field days and conference attendance, and asked for input on training units. The meeting provided excellent and useful feedback to staff on the educational activities and training material provided through NCIS.



Farm Policy Facts Releases Top 10 Ag Videos

In early April, Farm Policy Facts (www.farmpolicyfacts.org) released its list of the Top 10 Agriculture videos that are “hidden gems and offer a glimpse into agriculture in America.” Two videos produced by NCIS made the list – “Insights into the devastating drought of 2012” and “Farmers Respond to EWG Criticisms.” Other videos produced by The Hand That Feeds U.S., the Minnesota Corn Growers, Texas Cotton Association, and others were also on the list.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

Event	Date(s)	Location
2013 Meetings		
NCIS MPC/PLA Meeting	April 23-24	Overland Park, KS
NCIS CH/PLA Meeting	April 30-May 1	Overland Park, KS
Canadian Crop Hail Association	May 1	Overland Park, KS
NCIS TIP Committee Meeting	May 7-8	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Crop Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 15	Overland Park, KS
MPC & Crop Hail Fall Planted Canola and Wheat School	May 21-22	Stillwater, OK
NCIS PDC Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail Wheat & Corn School	June 5-6	Columbia, MO
Crop-Hail Specialty & MPC Forage School	June 11-12	Arlington, WI
Small Grains, Dry Peas/Lentils,	June 25-26	?, MT

Forage, Canola, Flax and Mustard School		
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 24-25	Offsite
Crop-Hail/Crops School TBD	TBD	Beresford, SD
Crop-Hail School	July 15-16	Lincoln, NE
Canola, Dry Peas, Soybeans School	July 16-17	Northwest
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16-17	Overland Park, KS
Corn, Soybeans, Grain Sorghum, QA School	July 23-24	?, KS
New Adjuster School	July 24	Lamberton, MN
Experienced Adjuster School	July 25	Lamberton, MN
New Adjuster School	July 29	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail School	July 30-31	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail School	July 31-August 1	Champaign, IL
MPCI School	July 31	Fargo, ND
Sugar Beet Workshop	August 13-14	Scottsbluff, NE
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
Crop-Hail School	July 31-August 1	Champaign, IL
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 17-18	Overland Park, KS
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	Sept 29-Oct 2	Vienna, Austria
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 6-7	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 12-13	Offsite
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 15-18	Washington, DC
2014 Meetings		
2014 Claims Managers Conference	January 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 9-12	Scottsdale, AZ
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 29-April 1	Orlando, FL
2015 Fall Update Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 16-19	Louisville, KY
2015 Spring Update Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 17-20	Washington, DC