



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- Crop-Hail and MPC I Hybrid Seed Corn and Processing Tomato School
- AAEA and CAES Joint Annual Meeting



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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.*

## 2013 NCIS Crop-Hail and MPC I Hybrid Seed Corn/Processing Tomato School

The Crop-Hail and Hybrid Seed Corn/Processing Tomato School was held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on August 6 and 7 with approximately 90 adjusters participating. Classroom presentations were provided by Kenny Shock and Sharon Shock, Great American Insurance Co.; Ed Cerven, RCIS; John Ross, Farmers Mutual Hail Ins. Co.; David Brunson, Springfield, IL RMA Regional Office; and, Don Hutsell of NCIS. A guest presentation on Hybrid Seed production was provided by Jim Herr, Processing/Inventory/Wholesale Manager at Beck's Hybrids.



## Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Joint Annual Meeting

The 2013 AAEA and CAES Joint annual meeting was held in Washington, D.C. August 4-6. NCIS staff played a very active role at this meeting.

NCIS staff, Dr. Harun Bulut, presented a paper entitled, "Political Economy of Crop Insurance Risk Subsidies Under Imperfect Information," which Drs. Harun Bulut and Keith J. Collins co-authored. Presentations made during this session focused on producer perceptions of price and yield risk and behavior in regards to this risk.

NCIS staff, Dr. Laurence Crane moderated the "Crop Insurance in the Emerging Budget and Policy Environment" symposium with Dr. Keith Collins serving as moderator, and Dr. Tom Zacharias, Dwight Lanclous, USDA, and James Richardson, Texas A&M University serving as panelists. This discussion focused on how crop insurance would be affected by the new Farm Bill Federal budget and potential policy changes.

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, made a presentation during the Extension Section Speaker series, regarding the “Ten considerations Regarding the Role of Crop Insurance in the Agricultural Safety Net” including crop insurance attributes.

Lastly, Tom Zacharias was a discussant during a session on “Current Issues in the Federal Crop Insurance Program” where program loss experience, issues related to rating methods and suggestions for potential program reform were discussed.

Hats off to a job well done!

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>2013 Meetings</b>		
Crop-Hail and MPC I Sugar Beet Advanced Cropping School	August 15-16	Scottsbluff, NE
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 17-18	Overland Park, KS
MPC I PPLA Meeting	September 24-25	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	Off-Site
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 15-18	Washington, DC
<b>2014 Meetings</b>		
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
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 16-19	Louisville, KY
NCIS Spring Update Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 17-20	Washington, DC

