



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- Crop-Hail and MPCl Sugar Beet Advanced Cropping School
- Rhode Island Green Market Festival
- Minnesota Ag Leadership 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.*

## 2013 NCIS Crop-Hail and MPCl Sugar Beet Advanced Cropping School

More than 65 sugar beet crop loss adjusters attended the MPCl and Crop-Hail Advanced Cropping Sugar Beet Cropping School held at the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, August 15 and 16. Participants learned about the management of sugar beet production, including the diagnosis of production problems in the western Great Plains and the sugar beet production areas of the Rocky Mountains. A special emphasis was placed on determining stress related problems that cause yield reduction. Both classroom and hands-on field training were included in the school.



### **Rhode Island Green Market Festival**

NCIS participated in the 2013 Rhode Island Green Market Festival, held in South Kingston, Rhode Island, on Sunday, August 11. The vision of the Green Market Festival, “Celebrating Rhode Island Green Economy and the Environment,” was to pay tribute to and educate the public about Rhode Island’s tradition of horticulture, agriculture, and the landscape stewardship communities. The festival fulfilled its vision by bringing together and educating approximately 1,500 attendees. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS staff, managed a display about crop insurance and distributed materials to participants who were interested in risk management.

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### **Minnesota Ag Leadership Conference**

The Minnesota Ag Leadership conference, sponsored by the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, was held August 11-13 in Brainerd, Minnesota. Tom Zacharias, President of NCIS, participated in the discussion, “Cornerstone of the Farm Safety Net: Crop Insurance Perspectives from Industry and Academia.” Members of Industry, RMA, House, Senate, academia, and others participated in the various presentations and panel discussions. Brandon Willis, RMA Administrator, spoke about crop insurance as a farm safety net.

**Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Regional/State Meetings in Orange)**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>2013 Meetings</b>		
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 17-18	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Meeting	September 24-25	Overland Park, KS
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	Sept 29-Oct 2	Vienna, Austria
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer 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>		
Minnesota-North Dakota-South Dakota Regional/State Meeting	January 7-8	Fargo, ND
Colorado-Wyoming Regional/State Mtg.	January 9	Littleton, CO
Gulf States Regional/State Meeting	January 16	Tunica, MS
2014 Claims Managers Conference	January 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Southwest Regional/State Meeting	January 30-31	Chandler, AZ
Illinois-Wisconsin Regional/State Mtg.	TBD	TBC
Nebraska-Iowa Regional/State Meeting	February 4-5	Council Bluffs, IA
Indian-Ohio-Michigan Regional/State Meeting	February 6	Ft. Wayne, IN
Kentucky-Tennessee Regional/State Meeting	February 6	Nashville, TN
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 9-12	Scottsdale, AZ
California-Nevada Regional/State Mtg.	February 18-19	Monterey, CA
Kansas-Oklahoma Regional/State Meeting	February 13	Wichita, KS
Missouri Regional/State Meeting	February 18	Columbia, MO
Northwest-Montana Regional/State Meeting	March 4	Missoula, MT
Southeast-East Regional/State Mtg.	March 4	Charleston, SC
Regional/State Chairman Training	TBD	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 29-April 1	Orlando, FL
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 16-19	Louisville, KY
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 17-20	Washington, DC

