



What's Happening at NCIS

December 16, 2013

Topics this week:

- Professional Agricultural Worker's Conference
- Fall NAIC Meeting Held in Washington, D.C.
- NCIS Board of Directors Meeting

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.



71st Professional Agricultural Worker's Conference

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NCIS was a sponsor at the 71st Annual Professional Agricultural Worker's Conference (PAWC) at Tuskegee University, December 8-10, 2013, in Tuskegee, Alabama, where they displayed an exhibit promoting the "12 Essential Strengths of Crop Insurance". Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, interacted with the over 500 participants, providing answers on crop insurance and discussed the products available in Alabama for 2014. PAWC began in 1942, mainly with Tuskegee University and local and state support and participation. Presently it is international in scope including representatives from several African countries, the national land grant community, and from the state, federal, and private sectors.



National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)

NCIS staff, Tom Zacharias and Dean Strasser, attended the 2013 Fall NAIC National meeting held in Washington, D.C. and gave an update on the Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP®). Also making presentations to the group was Brook Stringer of NAIC's Washington, D.C. office and Dave Miller, Director, Reinsurance Services Division of RMA. Ms. Stringer provided the group an update on current Farm Bill activities. Dave Miller provided an RMA update including a review of RMA's policies against rebating. While at the NAIC meeting, Dean attended the Licensing Producer Working Group (LPWG) meeting where they discussed licensing and continuing education reciprocity and adopted guidelines for the webinar and webcast delivery systems.

NCIS Holds Board of Directors Meeting

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting on December 12-13. Agenda items for the winter meeting included: follow-up to approvals from the Program Development committee meeting; review of the Farm Bill status; public relations; and industry nominations to be awarded at the annual convention. The Crop Insurance Industry Convention will be held February 9-12, 2014, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2014 Meetings</u>		
Minnesota-North Dakota-South Dakota Regional/State Meeting	January 7-8	Fargo, ND
Colorado-Wyoming Regional/State Meeting	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
Nebraska-Iowa Regional/State Meeting	February 4-5	Council Bluffs, IA
Illinois-Wisconsin Regional/State Mtg.	February 6	Springfield, IL
Indiana-Ohio-Michigan Regional/State Meeting	February 6	Ft. Wayne, IN
Kentucky-Tennessee Regional/State Meeting	February 6	Nashville, TN
Kansas-Oklahoma Regional/State Meeting	February 13	Wichita, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 9-12	Scottsdale, AZ
Missouri Regional/State Meeting	February 18	Columbia, MO
California-Nevada Regional/State Meeting	February 18-19	Monterey, CA
Northwest-Montana Regional/State Meeting	March 4	Missoula, MT
Southeast-East Regional/State Meeting	March 4	Charleston, SC
Regional/State Chairman Training	March 25-26	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
<u>2015 Meetings</u>		
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL