



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- PDC Committee Meets
- Risk Management Education Workshop
- NCIS Employee Retires
- MPC/CH Fall Planted Canola and Wheat School



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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.

Product Development Committee (PDC) Meets at NCIS

The NCIS Program Development Committee (PDC) met in Overland Park last week. The PDC is comprised of representatives from each of the NCIS standing committees including MPC Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; Crop-Hail Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; Training and Education; Communications and Outreach; Crop-Hail Actuarial and Statistics; Technology and Information Processing; and MPC Actuarial and Statistics. Members of the PDC are briefed on issues affecting the crop insurance industry that are recommended by the various standing committees. Action items brought forward through the PDC and approved are then voted on by the Board of Directors.



Risk Management Education Workshop—Raleigh, North Carolina

NCIS was an invited presenter at a Risk Management Education Conference for limited-resource farmers held Saturday, June 1 on the North Carolina State University Campus in Raleigh. The conference was part of an RMA funded Cooperative Agreement with Sociometrics, a minority woman-owned firm specializing in business development. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, provided an overview of crop insurance products available in North Carolina and discussed the process of identifying risk exposure and the importance of working with an agent to select the appropriate crop insurance coverage.



NCIS Employee Retires

After over 19 years' service, Dave Snider, Electronics Specialist, retired last Friday from NCIS. Dave was responsible for the electronic maintenance of the Crop Hail Handbook, Loss Adjustment Manual, and Actuarials, as well as FTU maintenance files and processing CAPP proctor applications. We wish Dave a happy retirement!



MPCI and Crop Hail Fall Planted Canola and Wheat School

Approximately 100 adjusters attended the MPCI and Crop Hail Fall-Planted Canola and Wheat School held in Stillwater, Oklahoma on May 21 and 22. This two-day school included classroom as well as field training at the Cimarron Valley Research Station near Perkins, Oklahoma. Adjusters were provided with information on Federal Crop insurance and Crop-Hail appraisal methods for winter wheat and fall-planted canola, and information addressing ethics, the crop insurance industry's standards of professional conduct and promoting program integrity in the crop insurance program. Many participants received Continuing Education Credit through the State of Oklahoma for attending this school.



Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2013 Meetings		
Crop-Hail Wheat & Corn School	June 5-6	Columbia, MO
Crop-Hail Specialty & MPCI Forage School (On Hold)	June 11-12	Arlington, WI
Small Grains, Dry Peas/Lentils, Forage, Canola, Flax and Mustard School	June 25-26	?, MT
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
MPCI School	July 31	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail School	July 31-August 1	Champaign, IL
Sugar Beet Workshop	August 13-14	Scottsbluff, NE
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
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
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
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