



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Hidden Harvest Charity Donation
- Montana and Northwest Regional/State Committees Annual Meeting
- East/Southeast Regional/State Committee 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.

Hidden Harvest Charity Donation



NCIS is very pleased to announce that a total of \$7,990 has been donated to Hidden Harvest on behalf of the 2013 Crop Insurance Industry Convention. Our thanks go out to Rain and Hail LLC who was a matching sponsor. Hidden Harvest is a produce recovery program in the Coachella Valley area of California that employs low income farm workers to “rescue” produce that is left behind in the fields and orchards after harvest. Their programs are committed to helping low-income people feed themselves by providing employment opportunities, garden space, water, seeds and more. Additional services include nutrition instruction in local schools and health fairs. Every dollar donated to Hidden Harvest by the general public or through foundation grants goes directly toward their services.

Montana & Northwest Regional/State Committees Annual Meeting

The 2013 Montana and Northwest Regional State Crop Insurance Committees’ Annual Meeting was held in Missoula, Montana, March 5. Thirty-five representatives from NCIS member companies were in attendance representing nine companies along with three representatives from the Risk Management Agency and one agency group representative. The meeting was chaired by Nancy Garoutte (RCIS-MT) and Jaya Smith (ProAg – NW). Speakers included

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Kathleen Gilbertson from the Montana RMA Regional Office, Dave Paul from the Spokane RMA Regional Office, and Michael Choriki of B & C AG Consultants of Billings, Montana. Mr. Choriki provided the group a presentation on precision agriculture technology. Dean Strasser, NCIS, provided information on recommendations from the various Regional/State Committees for MPCl and Crop Hail; a Policy and Underwriting update; Crop Hail update; overview of changes to the Loss Adjustment Manual; CAPP update; Anti-trust update; and a Public Relations update.



East/Southeast Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The East/Southeast Regional/State Committee held their 2013 Annual Meeting March 5 and 6 in Charleston, South Carolina. The meeting was chaired by Jordan Atkinson (NAU) and Kenny Young (RCIS). In attendance were thirty-two committee members from nine member companies, an agent representative, and a representative from the Raleigh and Valdosta RMA Regional Offices. Presentations included an update from the two RMA regional offices and NCIS. Two telephone presentations were given one by Raleigh Regional Compliance office and one by Center for Agribusiness Excellence. The researcher from Clemson University who is working on a Cotton research project also gave an update to the committee.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

Event	Date(s)	Location
2013 Meetings		
Regional State Chairman Training	March 26-27	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Program Development Committee Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16-17	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 24-27	Indianapolis, IN
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
2015 Fall Update Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
2015 Spring Update Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS