



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Risk Management Workshops Held in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Jackson, Mississippi
- Production Reporting Workgroup 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.

Risk Management Workshops Held in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Jackson, Mississippi

NCIS is conducting a series of Risk Management Education workshops in cooperation with the University of Arkansas—Pine Bluff and Alcorn State University in Mississippi, as part of an RMA funded Cooperative Agreement. The objective of this educational activity is to help African American farmers and ranchers in the Strike Force counties of Arkansas and Mississippi develop risk management plans for their farms. This training consists of a series of three workshops in each state and sixty hours of individualized instruction. The third (and final) round of workshops was held March 12 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and March 14 in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS (far left in both photos), is Project Director and primary instructor of this activity.



Pine Bluff, Arkansas



Jackson, Mississippi

Production Reporting Workgroup Meeting

The Production Reporting Workgroup met with RMA on Monday, March 11. Topics discussed included an update on the Acreage Crop Reporting and Streamlining Initiative, issues related to accuracy of Common Land Unit (CLU) shape files, Comprehensive Information Management System data access, CLU reporting issues, the status of the new Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) plan that will replace GRP and GRIP, and the timing of production reporting. RMA expects publication of ARPI in time for the 6/30 filing.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2013 Meetings		
Regional State Chairman Training	March 26-27	Overland Park, KS
Data Mining Committee	April 2-3	Durham, NC
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 6-9	Houston, TX
NCIS Communications & Outreach Meeting	April 10	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Training & Education Meeting	April 16-17	Overland Park, KS
NCIS MPCI/PPLA Meeting	April 23-24	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Approved Insurance Providers Meeting	April 24-25	Overland Park, KS
NCIS CH/PPLA Meeting	April 30-May 1	Overland Park, KS
Canadian Crop Hail Association	May 1	Overland Park, KS
NCIS TIP Meeting	May 7-8	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Crop Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 15	Overland Park, KS
NCIS PDC Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 24-25	Offsite
NCIS Fall Update Conference	July 16-17	Overland Park, KS
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
2015 Fall Update Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
2015 Spring Update Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS