



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- National Ag Day Panel Discussion
- SCC-76 Meeting Presentations



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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.



National Ag Day Panel Discussion

Last week was National Ag Day, and in celebration of that, Agri-Pulse Communications sponsored a panel discussion on “Farm to Fork Politics: An Insider’s Look at the Year Ahead for Food and Agriculture.” The panel was moderated by Sara Wyant with Agri-Pulse and featured J.B. Penn, Chief Economist, John Deere; Dr. Keith Collins, NCIS; and B. Hudson Riehle, Senior Vice President of the Research and Information Services Division, National Restaurant Association. Each panel member gave a 5-10 minute presentation and that was followed by questions from the audience. Over 300 people, including congressional staff and staffers, were in attendance.

SCC-76 Meeting Presentations

NCIS staff Tom Zacharias, President; Harun Bulut, Senior Economist; and Keith Collins, Economic and Policy Advisor to NCIS; attended the recent SCC-76 “Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture” convention held in Pensacola, Florida, March 14-16. SCC-76 provides a scientific and professional forum to facilitate the exchange of theoretical and methodological approaches to risk analysis as it relates to agriculture and natural resources. NCIS made two presentations. The presentation titled, “Effects of Supplemental Revenue Programs on Crop Insurance Coverage Levels,” was based on a paper written by

Keith and Harun. The subsequent presentation was an invited industry talk prepared by Tom, Keith and Harun to discuss the role of crop insurance in agricultural policy.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar

<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