



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- TIP Committee Meets
- CIPA Meeting Held in KC
- NCIS Public Relations Update



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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.

Technology and Information Processing (TIP) Committee Meets at NCIS

The NCIS Technology & Information Processing Committee held their annual meeting last Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7-8. On Tuesday, the Committee discussed their role and functions; NCIS system initiatives; 2012 Crop-Hail processing; 2012 production plan hail challenges; and 2013 production plan hail proposed processing changes.

Wednesday's session was a full day of meeting with RMA with nearly thirty RMA staff attending in person or via teleconference. RMA attendees represented all three Product Management divisions and included RMA's CIO and the ITM/ROE Project Manager. Topics included policy and procedure changes for 2014; ACRSI, CIMS, and CLU updates; actuarial issues; system, contracting and budget issues; RO Exceptions processing; remaining ITM development priorities and timelines; RMA IT staffing changes; and PASS processing issues.



Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA) Meeting Held in Kansas City

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, gave a presentation at the Crop Insurance Professionals Association meeting this past week in Kansas City. CIPA is a national organization of agents who are committed to maintaining and strengthening the safety net for the American farmer and rancher through a strong Federal Crop Insurance Program. Other speakers included members of Production Administration and members of the Senate and House Ag Committees.



NCIS Public Relations Update

On May 6, an op-ed penned by Tom Zacharias appeared in Roll Call. The piece was entitled “Setting the Record Straight on Crop Insurance” and can be found by clicking [here](#). Tom followed that piece with two radio interviews: the first with Mike Adams of AgriTalk (click [here](#) for the audio-search for May 7); and the second with Jeff Nalley of the Cromwell Ag Radio Network. That audio will be posted online in the next few days.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

Event	Date(s)	Location
<u>2013 Meetings</u>		
NCIS Crop Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 15	Overland Park, KS
MPCI & Crop Hail Fall Planted Canola and Wheat School	May 21-22	Stillwater, OK
NCIS PDC Meeting	May 29-30	Overland Park, KS
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
Crop-Hail School	July 31-August 1	Champaign, IL
MPCI School	July 31	Fargo, ND
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
<u>2014 Meetings</u>		
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
2015 Fall Update Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 16-19	Louisville, KY
2015 Spring Update Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 17-20	Washington, DC