



# What's Happening at NCIS

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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.

## Crop Hail Actuarial and Statistical (CH A&S) Committee Meets at NCIS

The NCIS Crop-Hail Actuarial & Statistics Committee held their spring meeting at the NCIS office on Wednesday May 15. The Committee reviewed results of the 2014 Final Average Loss Cost (FALC) filing analyses for the following states: Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Northeast States. Production Plan data reporting status was also discussed at the meeting.



## FFA Visits NCIS

On Tuesday, May 14, members of FFA visited NCIS. NCIS has long been a supporter of FFA, sponsoring the Diversified Crop Production Placement Proficiency Award at the local, state, regional and national levels. NCIS staff also participates in judging proficiency awards at the FFA national convention and is one of the judges for the Risk Management Agency FFA essay contest. The national officers who visited NCIS were Wiley Bailey, Vice President from Alabama and Kalie Hall, Secretary from Georgia. Jaelyn Bermann, Missouri state officer and Dan Rhodes, regional director for the National FFA Foundation were also in attendance.

### **Korean Delegation Visits NCIS**

A five person delegation including representatives from the Korean Ministry of Agriculture met with NCIS staff on May 13. The purpose for the visit was to improve their understanding of the organization and operation of a public-private partnership for delivery of crop insurance to farmers as well as to gain insight into methods that can be used to reduce the prevalence of waste, fraud and abuse in the Korean crop insurance program. NCIS provided an overview of the services it provides to the industry, including product development, ratemaking, training, and data collection and reporting. The delegation also met with RMA to obtain a better understanding of its role and responsibilities.



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### **NCIS Public Relations Update**

NCIS sponsored and participated in the annual "Washington Watch" meeting of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB) in Washington, DC, on May 14, 2013. A panel discussion, "Federal Budget Deficit & Farm Policy," included: Dr. Bob Young, Chief Economist of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Carl Zulauf, Professor, The Ohio State University; and Dr. Keith Collins, former USDA Chief Economist and Economic and Policy Advisor to NCIS. Much of the discussion focused on the Senate and House Farm Bills. With the prospect for larger crop production, the broadcasters were especially interested in how the farm economy, farm programs and crop insurance would perform over the next several years if crop supplies rebound sharply. After the panel ended, the speakers conducted numerous one-on-one interviews with the broadcasters, which provided an opportunity to describe the importance and performance of crop insurance in greater detail.

### Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Schools in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>2013 Meetings</b>		
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
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
<b>2014 Meetings</b>		
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