



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Spring Train the Trainer Conference
- CH A&S Committee Meeting
- Iowa Crop Insurance Provider Workshop
- ASA/CSSA/SSSA 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.



2014 Train the Trainer Spring Conference Held in Overland Park

Approximately 250 people met over a two-day period this past week at the 2014 NCIS Train the Trainer Spring Conference held in Overland Park, Kansas. The overall objective of the conference was to provide attendees with updated training materials needed to prepare and conduct their company spring training for the 2014 crop year. Attendees included guest speaker, Christy Seyfert from Wells Fargo, NCIS member companies, and RMA staff.

Discussed were the changes in the crop insurance program including 2014 updated information on the Crop Insurance Handbook, IMAP, Area Risk Protection Insurance, Crop-Hail, and other MPCI information.



Crop-Hail Actuarial & Statistics Committee Meets in Overland Park

The NCIS Crop-Hail Actuarial & Statistics Committee held their fall meeting at the NCIS office on Tuesday November 5. The Committee reviewed 2015 Final Average Loss Cost (FALC) filing methodologies for the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Missouri, California, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Montana and Wyoming. Corn Green Snap/Wind form, loss cost and statistical reports were also discussed.

Iowa Continuing Education Workshop for Crop Insurance Providers

National Crop Insurance Services, along with Iowa State University and Risk Management Agency, USDA, sponsored the continuing education workshop for crop insurance providers held at Iowa State University, November 5. NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, presented at the workshop. He spoke on the "Ten Considerations Regarding the Role of Crop Insurance in the Agricultural Safety Net". Continuing education credit was earned for those who attended this workshop.

American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America (ASA/CSSA/SSSA) Meeting

Dr. Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS Director of Agricultural Research, attended the ASA/CSSA/SSSA meeting held in conjunction with the Canadian Society of Agronomy and International Society for Terrain-Vehicle Systems in Tampa, Florida, November 3-6. More than 4,000 scientists, professionals, educators, and students attended this international "Water, Food, Energy and Innovation For a Sustainable World" meeting.

Future Meetings and Events Calendar (Regional/State Meetings in Orange)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2013 Meetings</u>		
MPCI Citrus Fruit and Nursery	November 19-20	Kissimmee, FL
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 12-13	Off-Site
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 15-18	Washington, DC
<u>2014 Meetings</u>		
Minnesota-North Dakota-South Dakota Regional/State Meeting	January 7-8	Fargo, ND
Colorado-Wyoming Regional/State Meeting	January 9	Littleton, CO
Gulf States Regional/State Meeting	January 16	Tunica, MS
2014 Claims Managers Conference	January 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Southwest Regional/State Meeting	January 30-31	Chandler, AZ
Nebraska-Iowa Regional/State Meeting	February 4-5	Council Bluffs, IA
Illinois-Wisconsin Regional/State Mtg.	February 6	Springfield, IL
Indiana-Ohio-Michigan Regional/State Meeting	February 6	Ft. Wayne, IN
Kentucky-Tennessee Regional/State Meeting	February 6	Nashville, TN
Kansas-Oklahoma Regional/State Meeting	February 13	Wichita, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 9-12	Scottsdale, AZ
Missouri Regional/State Meeting	February 18	Columbia, MO
California-Nevada Regional/State Meeting	February 18-19	Monterey, CA
Northwest-Montana Regional/State Meeting	March 4	Missoula, MT
Southeast-East Regional/State Meeting	March 4	Charleston, SC
Regional/State Chairman Training	TBD	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 29-April 1	Orlando, FL
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 16-19	Louisville, KY
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 17-20	Washington, DC

