



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- NAFB Convention
- 2013 Crop Insurance Workshops
- AgGateway Convention



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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.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**We will resume What's Happening publication Monday, December 2.**

## National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB) Convention

National Crop Insurance Services was a proud sponsor of the 70<sup>th</sup> annual National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB) held in Kansas City, November 13-15. NCIS also participated in the convention's Trade Talk program on Thursday. Trade Talk provides attendees with an opportunity to interview agricultural businesses and trade groups. Tom Zacharias and Keith Collins provided more than a dozen interviews to broadcasters about various aspects of the crop insurance program.

NAFB is dedicated to serving the interest of the agricultural community and creating value for its Broadcast member stations and networks. NAFB is an established liaison between farm broadcast stations and networks and the Agri-Marketing community of companies and agencies.



### **2013 Crop Insurance Workshops: Farm Legislation and Optimizing Risk Management Strategies**

NCIS Director of Data Administration & Systems Management, Jessica Trites Rolle, discussed Precision Farming and Crop Insurance Claims at the 2013 Crop Insurance Workshops held November 12-15 in Brush, Colorado; Grand Island, Nebraska; Salina, Kansas; and Enid, Oklahoma. Crop insurance agents, farmers and ranchers, crop insurance adjusters and company staff, agricultural lenders, agricultural educators, and other risk management service providers gained information to use in risk management decisions for their own operations or those of their customers. Participants had the opportunity to earn insurance continuing education at each workshop location. The workshop series was sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University and Colorado State University extension offices.

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### **AgGateway Convention Held in Jacksonville, Florida**

Troy Brady, NCIS Vice President of Data Quality and System Design, attended AgGateway, "Collaboration for eConnectivity—Ensuring Success for the Future" in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 11-15. This convention attracts both business leaders as well as high achieving students. AgGateway is a non-profit consortium of over 180 businesses serving the agriculture industry, helping member companies improve their profitability and productivity by educating, promoting and expanding the participation of eBusiness in agriculture and agriculture related businesses. The corporation focuses on enabling eBusiness implementation, providing education and eBusiness project coordination in the agriculture industry.

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

<i><b>Event</b></i>	<i><b>Date(s)</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>
<b><u>2013 Meetings</u></b>		
<b>MPCI Citrus Fruit and Nursery</b>	<b>November 19-20</b>	<b>Kissimmee, FL</b>
<b>NCIS Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>December 12-13</b>	<b>Off-Site</b>
<b>NAIC Fall Meeting</b>	<b>December 15-18</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>
<b><u>2014 Meetings</u></b>		
<b>Minnesota-North Dakota-South Dakota Regional/State Meeting</b>	<b>January 7-8</b>	<b>Fargo, ND</b>
<b>Colorado-Wyoming Regional/State Meeting</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>Littleton, CO</b>
<b>Gulf States Regional/State Meeting</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>Tunica, MS</b>
<b>2014 Claims Managers Conference</b>	<b>January 22-23</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Southwest Regional/State Meeting</b>	<b>January 30-31</b>	<b>Chandler, AZ</b>

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