



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Southwest Ag Issues Summit Meeting
- Data Mining Steering Committee Meets
- Bloomberg News



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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.

Southwest Agricultural Issues Summit Meeting

The second annual Southwest Agricultural Issues Summit, held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from September 8-10, 2013, hosted more than 150 attendees. "The Southwest Agricultural Issues Summit is designed to provide ample opportunity for agricultural leaders to expand their knowledge of pertinent issues impacting the industry, as well as offer networking opportunities with key leaders in various agricultural organizations." NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, presented at this meeting. He also spoke with Radio Oklahoma Farm Director, Ron Hays, regarding crop insurance. Excerpts can be found at the following link:

<http://www.oklahomafarmreport.com/wire/news/2013/09/06229>



Data Mining Steering Committee Meets

The Data Mining Steering Committee met in Washington, D.C., September 4, 2013. The primary purpose of this meeting was to follow up on recommendations that had been submitted to RMA as a result of the Committee's April 3 meeting held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The recommendations were associated with more proactive tools or reports that could be implemented through Center of Agribusiness Excellence's Hyper Dynamic Reporting Application (HyDRA).

Bloomberg News

Bloomberg News released a series of articles last week attacking the crop insurance program and the industry. NCIS responded to the articles saying, in part, "...the factual errors, blatant omissions and obvious bias in this series were stunning and it is unfortunate that the editors of **Bloomberg News** agreed to release these stories publicly. It was a great disservice to their readers and a personal insult to the hardworking farmers and ranchers of this nation." Full NCIS statements can be found by clicking on the [NCIS Responds](#) tab on the Crop Insurance Keeps America Growing website and the NCIS [website](#).

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2013 Meetings		
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 17-18	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Meeting	September 24-25	Overland Park, KS
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	Sept 29-Oct 2	Vienna, Austria
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 6-7	Overland Park, KS
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
2014 Meetings		
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
Illinois-Wisconsin Regional/State Mtg.	TBD	TBC
Nebraska-Iowa Regional/State Meeting	February 4-5	Council Bluffs, IA
Indian-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