



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- National County Agent Personal Improvement Conference
- NCIS Board of Directors Meeting
- Choices Magazine Articles



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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.

National County Agent Personal Improvement Conference

NCIS participated in the 2013 Galaxy IV National Professional Improvement Conference, organized by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NAACA) in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, September 19, 2013. NCIS sponsored a two-hour "Super Seminar" focused on providing Extension Educators with information that will strengthen their ability to help farmers and ranchers prepare for and recover from natural disasters. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, addressed the topic of using crop insurance as an effective tool to prepare for and economically survive a natural disaster and where Extension Educators can learn more about crop insurance as an effective risk management tool. Over 2,000 Extension professionals from across the country attended the four-day conference.

NCIS Board of Directors Meeting

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Overland Park on September 17 and 18. The Board approved 2014 Crop-Hail research projects, changes in standing committee structure, and the operating budget for 2014.

During the course of the meeting, the Board met with RMA Administrator Brandon Willis, and the following senior RMA staff: Richard Flournoy, Assistant to Administrator; Tim Witt, Deputy Administrator, Product Management; Joe Shea, Director, Public Affairs; and Karis Gutter, FFAS Under Secretary. In addition, this is the third year that the Board has met with the FCIC Board of Directors, along with Brandon Willis, RMA Administrator, Dr. Joe Glauber, USDA Chief Economist; and Karis Gutter, FFAS Under Secretary. The group discussed various facets of the RMA new product approval process.



Choices Magazine Articles Published

Two articles written by NCIS staff, were published in *Choices* magazine. *Choices* is an online peer-reviewed magazine published by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) for readers interested in the policy and management of agriculture, the food industry, natural resources, rural communities, and the environment. This volume focused on “Current Issues in Risk Management and U.S .Agricultural Policy.”

Drs. Tom Zacharias, NCIS President, and Keith Collins, NCIS Consultant, wrote an article entitled, “Ten Considerations Regarding The Role of Crop Insurance in the Agricultural Safety Net.” This article provided a within-the-industry perspective on the crop insurance program status and key issues of crop insurance and the farm bill.

Drs. Keith Collins and Harun Bulut’s article, “How Will the Farm Bill’s Supplemental Revenue Programs Affect Crop Insurance?” investigated the supplemental shallow-loss programs in the Farm Bill proposals and provided a discussion of the complementarities of the programs with existing underlying crop insurance coverage.

Link to articles: <http://www.choicesmagazine.org/choices-magazine>

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 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
<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
Illinois-Wisconsin Regional/State Meeting	TBD	TBC
Nebraska-Iowa Regional/State Mtg.	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 Mtg.	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

