



What's Happening at NCIS

April 7, 2014

Topics this week:

- Risk Management Seminar at URI
- Dr. Keith Collins: Farm Bill Panel
- 2014 Spring NAIC Meeting
- SCC-76 Convention

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.



Risk Management Seminar at University of Rhode Island

Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, taught a Seminar on the Basics of Risk Management to undergraduate students in the College of the Environment and Life Sciences at the University of Rhode Island (URI), Wednesday, March 26, 2014. He discussed the preliminary results from the 2012 Census of Agriculture and the implications for Rhode Island farmers and agricultural businesses and provided an overview of risk trends in agriculture and common practices to address these risks. The seminar is a component of the Risk Management Education and Outreach that NCIS is conducting for URI as part of the Targeted States Program funded by RMA. The purpose of the Targeted States Program is to deliver crop insurance education and information to U.S. agricultural producers in states where there is traditionally and continues to be a low level of Federal crop insurance participation and availability.



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Dr. Keith Collins: Farm Bill Panel

The office of Senator Thad Cochran, ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, organized a panel discussion for minority staff on Farm Bill implementation on April 1, 2014. The panel included: Dale Moore, Executive Director for Public Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation and former Chief of Staff, USDA; Jim Little, former Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, USDA; and Keith Collins, NCIS advisor and former Chief Economist, USDA. The panel discussed their experiences with implementing prior farm bills, including internal processes for providing policy analysis and guidance, establishing timelines, working with stakeholders, rulemaking, organizing staff and budget resources, software development and communication and education.

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2014 Spring NAIC Meeting

NCIS Senior Vice Presidents Frank Schnapp and Mike Sieben attended the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Spring Meeting held in Orlando, Florida, to update the Crop Insurance Working Group on issues affecting the crop insurance industry. Information provided to the Commissioners included: MPCl and Crop-Hail premium and loss totals for 2013; Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP) information including adjuster test participation numbers for 2013, ; additional states now accepting CAPP; 2014 Farm Bill implementation issues and working with RMA; and weather concerns across the United States for the 2014 cropyear.

SCC-76 Convention

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, and NCIS Senior Economist, Harun Bulut, attended the SCC-76 convention, "Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources," held in Pensacola, Florida. Participants at this conference include top agricultural economists in the areas of risk and environmental management, including university researchers, USDA economists and administrators, private sector economists and graduate students. Formal research presentations are made as well as abstracts of papers presented at this convention. Tom made a presentation giving an industry overview and discussed current crop insurance issues.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Communications & Outreach Meeting	April 9	Overland Park, KS
Underwriting & Operations Meeting	April 16-17	Overland Park, KS
MPCl PPLA Committee Meeting	April 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting	April 23-24	Overland Park, KS
TIP Committee Meeting	May 7-8	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 15	Overland Park, KS
CH & MPCl Canola, Wheat & Corn School	May 20-21	Stillwater, OK
PDC Committee Meeting	May 28-29	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail Wheat & Corn School	June 11-12	Columbia, MO
Crop-Hail & MPCl School	June 24-25	Moccasin, MT
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 30-July 1	Offsite
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
New Adjuster School	July 23	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail Soybean & Corn School	July 24	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail New Adjuster School	July 28	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail (Crops TBD)	July 29	Fargo, ND
MPCl School	July 30	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail & MPCl Apple School	July 29-30	Yakima, WA

Crop-Hail & MPCl Corn, Cotton & Soybeans School	July 29-30	Manhattan, KS
Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean School	July 29-30	Ames, Iowa
Crop-Hail & MPCl School	August 5	Huntley, MT
Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean School	August 6-7	Champaign, IL
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 16-19	Louisville, KY
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 16-17	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 5-6	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 17-20	Washington, DC
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	December 8-9	Offsite
2015 Meetings		
2015 Claims Managers' Conference	January 21-22	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 28-31	Phoenix, AZ
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
NCIS Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 4-5	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 19-22	Washington, DC