



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- C-H New Adjuster Wheat, Corn & Soybeans School
- C-H Wheat, Corn, Sunflowers, Soybeans, Dry Beans, Barley School
- C-H & MPCI Apple School
- C-H Corn & Soybeans School
- NCIS Presents at AAEA 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.



NCIS Crop-Hail New Adjuster Wheat, Corn & Soybeans School

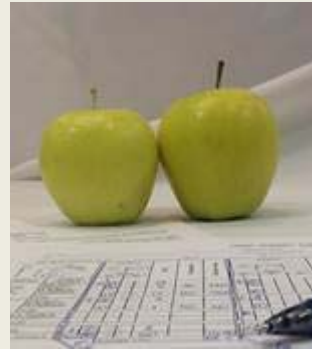
The Crop-Hail new adjuster wheat, corn and soybeans school was held in Fargo, North Dakota, July 28, at North Dakota State University for more than 70 attendees. Dr. Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS, welcomed the new adjusters and spoke about program integrity. Participants learned about basic crop-hail, adjusting procedures and survey sheets. Hands-on adjusting in the field was also included.

2014 NCIS Crop-Hail Wheat, Corn, Sunflowers, Soybeans, Dry Beans, Barley School

The 2014 Crop-Hail Wheat, Corn, Sunflowers, Soybeans, Dry Beans, Barley School was held at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota on July 29-30. This two-day school included both classroom work and hands on adjusting field work with a 3-4 crop rotation. Topics included in this multi-crop school included planting delay effects on crops and broadleaf, herbicide resistant weeds. Dr. Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS, participated in this school.

2014 NCIS Crop-Hail and MPCl Apple School

The Crop-Hail and MPCl Apple school and field day was held in Yakima, Washington July 29 and 30 with over 60 participants. Topics covered during the classroom instruction included both crop-hail and MPCl apple procedures, USDA apple grading, and apple rootstocks and how they relate to APH. A panel of experienced industry fruit adjusters were available during the question and answer period. Attendees were able to complete both MPCl and Crop-Hail field exercises during the time spent at the Washington Fruit and Produce Orchard. NCIS staff Dean Strasser led the group. Also attending were NCIS intern Hannah Wiebelhaus and Janet Field-Straley.



Crop-Hail Corn and Soybeans School

The Iowa Regional/State NCIS committee held the 2014 Corn and Soybean Crop-Hail Workshop at the Iowa State University Field Extension Education Laboratory (FEEL) in Ames, Iowa on July 29-30. Over 125 new and experienced adjusters participated in the two day event. Classroom sessions included guest speaker Dr. Mark Johnson, Iowa State University Field Agronomist, who discussed corn and soybean management, physiology, and agronomy. These sessions were followed by classroom instruction on corn and soybean loss adjustment procedures. Field exercises were conducted by 12 experienced instructors and focused on corn and soybean hail damage at three developmental stages encompassing early vegetative through mid-reproductive growth. Mark Flohr and James Houx from NCIS discussed program integrity and provided support.



NCIS Participates at AAEA Meeting

Drs. Tom Zacharias, Keith Collins, Laurence Crane and Harun Bulut represented NCIS at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota held on July 27-29.

Dr. Tom Zacharias participated in two sessions, entitled “Crop Insurance: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Industry” and “Crop Insurance and Implementation of the Farm Bill.” The latter session was organized by Dr. Laurence Crane and moderated by Dr. Keith Collins. Dr. Laurence Crane served as a panelist in a session titled, “Effective to Working with Hard-to-Contact Limited Resource Agricultural Producers.” Dr. Harun Bulut moderated a session on “Risk Preferences,” where academic papers were presented.

The AAEA is a forum for scholarly work in agricultural economics. Over 1,000 agricultural and applied economists routinely attend the annual AAEA meeting. Engaging academics in these meetings is essential to be part of the conversation on crop insurance and risk management related issues.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Crop-Hail & MPCl School	August 5	Huntley, MT
Crop-Hail & MCI Corn & Soybeans School	August 5-6	Manhattan, KS
Crop-Hail & MPCl Corn School	August 6-7	Lubbock, TX
Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean School	August 6-7	Champaign, IL
MPCl School	TBD	Fargo, ND
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
<u>2015 Meetings</u>		
Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota R/S Meeting	January 6-7	Morton, MN
Colorado/Wyoming R/S Meeting	January 8	Littleton, CO
Gulf States R/S Meeting	January 15	Tunica, MS
2015 Claims Managers' Conference	January 21-22	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 29-30	Ruidoso, NM
Nebraska/Iowa R/S Meeting	February 3-4	Council Bluffs, IA
Kentucky/Tennessee R/S Meeting	February 5	Nashville, TN
Illinois/Wisconsin R/S Meeting	February 5	Springfield, IL
Indiana/Ohio/Michigan R/S Meeting	February 5	Ft. Wayne, IN
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL
Kansas/Oklahoma R/S Meeting	February 12	Oklahoma City, OK
Missouri R/S Meeting	February 17	Columbia, MO
California/Nevada R/S Meeting	February 17-18	Monterey, CA
Southeast/East R/S Meeting	March 3	Charleston, SC
Northwest/Montana	March 3-4	Missoula, MT
Regional State Chairman Training	TBD	Overland Park, KS
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