



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- NCIS Research in Canada
- PDC Teleconference Call



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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.



What's Happening will resume publication September 15.

NCIS Research in Canada

Dr. Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS Director of Agricultural Research and Technology, travelled to the University of Saskatchewan this past week. He visited with Dr. Steve Shirliffe to begin checking on the canola research project that pertains to bolting, branching and limb removal being conducted at the university. This research will determine the appropriate factors for loss due to hail during this stage of development. The information obtained will be useful for the NCIS procedures for northern United States as well as Canada and was an approved research project for 2014.



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Product Development Committee (PDC) Teleconference

The NCIS Program Development Committee met by teleconference August 20. The PDC is comprised of the Chairmen from each of the 7 Standing committees (Communications and Outreach; Crop-Hail Actuarial and Statistics; Crop-Hail Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; MPCl Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; Technology and Information Processing; Training and Education; and Underwriting and Operations) as well as a representative from each member company with active representation on a minimum of 4 Standing committees. Members of the PDC are briefed on issues affecting the crop insurance industry that are recommended by the various standing committees. Action items brought forward and approved through the PDC are then voted on by the Board of Directors.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 16-17	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	September 23-24	Offsite
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	October 14-15	Offsite
Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting	October 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Training and Education Committee Meeting	November 4	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