



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- Publication: *Introduction to Risk Management*
- 2014 Southwest R/S Committee 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.*

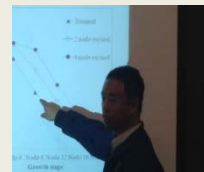
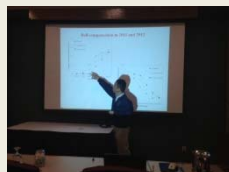


## Publication: Introduction to Risk Management

The *Introduction to Risk Management, Understanding Agricultural Risks* (Second Edition, 2013) has been published by Extension Risk Management Education and the Risk Management Agency. This handbook provides an overview of risk management planning and the steps in managing risk. It reviews the five areas of agricultural risk (production, marketing, financial, human resource, and legal), along with strategies for managing these risks, and provides a checklist for each risk category to provoke thinking and action. Authors are: Laurence Crane, NCIS; Gene Gantz, RMA; Steve Isaacs, University of Kentucky; Doug Jose, University of Nebraska; and Rod Sharp, Colorado State University. This publication can be accessed electronically at: [www.extensionrme.org](http://www.extensionrme.org)

## 2014 Southwest Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The 2014 Southwest Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting was held in Chandler, Arizona, on January 30 and January 31. Sixteen committee members representing nine member companies, along with one OKC RMA Regional Office representative and two guest speakers participated in this meeting. Grant James (via conference call) provided a regional update for the OKC RMA Regional Office. Guest Speakers providing updates on research activities included Guangyao (Sam) Wang – University of California Desert Research and Extension Center and Pedro Andrade-Sanchez – University of Arizona. Regional and State Committee Chairman Shane Jackson, Rain and Hail LLC, chaired the meeting and Don Hutsell, NCIS, provided the NCIS update.



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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b><u>2014 Meetings</u></b>		
Nebraska-Iowa Regional/State Meeting	February 4-5	Council Bluffs, IA
Illinois-Wisconsin Regional/State Mtg.	February 6	Springfield, IL
Indiana-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	March 25-26	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
<b><u>2015 Meetings</u></b>		
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL