



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- MN/ND/SD Regional/State Committee Meeting
- CO/WY Regional/State 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.



Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The MN/ND/SD Regional/State Committees held their annual meetings January 7 through 8 in Fargo, North Dakota, with approximately 60 people in attendance. Dr. Mark Zarnstorff and Dave Hall, NCIS, provided updates on changes to the Crop Insurance Handbooks and Loss Adjustment Manual and spoke about ensuring program integrity. Dr. Burton Johnson, Dr. Jeff Coulter, Dr. Marisol Berti, and Dr. Kevin McPhee, all agronomic researchers at North Dakota State University, provided research updates. Also, an RMA update was provided by Cindy Cruea, Deputy Director from the Billings Regional Office.

Colorado/Wyoming Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The CO/WY Regional/State Committee Annual meeting was held in Denver on January 9 with 20 people attending. Topics of discussion included alfalfa seed and forage policy dates, MPCI and Crop-Hail policy and procedure updates, and an update on the advanced cropping school on sugar beets held in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, last August. Larry Wilmes, RMA Central Region Compliance Office, spoke on the 2012 National Programs Operations review and Dr. Perry Cabot, Colorado Water Institute, Colorado State University, spoke on the development of the Colorado water plan mandated by Governor Hickenlooper and how it is intertwined with the economy, the on-going drought, and irrigation availability for the State. An adjuster school on wheat, concentrating on current disease, insect, and environmental factors was approved for 2014.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2014 Meetings</u>		
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
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
<u>2015 Meetings</u>		
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL