



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- NCIS Helps NC Farmers
- RINLA Winter Meeting & Expo
- 2014 Gulf State R/S 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 Helps North Carolina Farmers Develop Risk Management Plans

As part of an RMA funded Cooperative Agreement, NCIS is conducting a series of Risk Management Education workshops in cooperation with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The objective of this educational activity is to help limited resource and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the Strike Force counties of North Carolina develop risk management plans for their farms. This training consists of a series of three day-long workshops in two locations and sixty hours of individualized instruction. The first round of workshops was held January 14 in Lumberton, North Carolina and January 15 in Clinton, North Carolina. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is Project Director of this activity.



Rhode Island Nursery & Landscape Association (RINLA) Winter Meeting and Expo

The Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association (RINLA) Winter Meeting and Expo was held on the University of Rhode Island (URI) campus, January 16-17, 2014, in Kingston, Rhode Island. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, participated in the conference and represented the crop insurance industry. Material describing nursery insurance, AGR-Lite insurance, and the "Essential Strengths of Crop Insurance" was distributed to participants from an NCIS exhibit. Participation in this RINLA conference 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.

2014 Gulf States Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The 2014 Gulf States Regional/State Committee annual meeting was held in Tunica, Mississippi on January 16. Speaker, Yeshe Wamishe, Ph.D. from Ethiopia, spoke on Rice Diseases. In addition, Mike Davis from the RMA Regional Office, spoke on regional updates and upcoming special provision changes. Newly appointed state FSA Director, Mike Brown, also addressed the participants. Representatives from eleven AIPs were present at the meeting. The committee chose Scott Alltfillisch, Rain and Hail, as the new chairman and Kyle Harper, ProAg, as vice-chairman. Lynnette Dillon, NCIS, provided an update presentation.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2014 Meetings		
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	March 4	Charleston, SC

Meeting		
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