



What's Happening at NCIS

July 28, 2014

Topics this week:

- NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference
- NCIS New Adjuster School
- NCIS CH Soybean & Corn School
- National County Agent Personal Improvement Conference

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 Fall Train-the-Trainer Conference

More than 300 attendees participated in the 2015 NCIS Train the Trainer Fall Conference that took place in Overland Park, Kansas July 22 and 23. This conference focused on the newly released Farm Bill with presentations made by both NCIS and RMA staff. Training material highlighted information on Beginning Farmer or Rancher procedures, STAX (Stacked Income Protection Plan), Native Sod, Farm Bill Amendments, Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Policy, and Correction of Errors. Our guest speaker was Patrick Westhoff, who represented MO Department of Ag and Applied Economics, and he presented information on Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance pertaining to the Farm Bill. Companies will take the information from this 1.5 daylong session and use it to train more than 15,000 crop insurance agents.



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2014 NCIS New Adjuster School

The 2014 New Adjuster school was held at the University of Minnesota in Lamberton, Minnesota, July 23. Dr. Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS, led the group of over 60 participants with emphasis on staging and adjusting procedures for soybeans, corn and small grains. Both classroom and field instruction were included. New adjusters attend this school to learn valuable information, hone their skills, and learn the ins and outs of loss adjustment. One participant at a recent school stated, "...I think it is a responsibility of companies and seasoned adjusters to pass on knowledge to the future leaders of our trade. In the end, we all have one common goal – to follow the procedures provided to us from the many years of (NCIS) research."

2014 NCIS Crop-Hail Soybean and Corn School

The Crop-Hail Soybean and Corn school was also held at the University of Minnesota, Southwest Research and Outreach Center, in Lamberton, Minnesota, July 24 with more than 90 in attendance. Both classroom work and a field tour (led by Steve Quiring, Plot Manager) were included. Topics covered included V-Stage and R-State Soybeans, Small Grains, and Corn (1 Leaf-17 Leaf and 18 Leaf-Tassel), a disease and insect update, and growing season and research reports.

National County Agent Personal Improvement Conference

NCIS participated in the 2014 National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NAACA) Professional Improvement Conference, in Mobile, Alabama on Thursday, July 24. NCIS sponsored a three-hour "Issues in Agricultural Economics Super Seminar" focused on providing Extension Educators with information that will strengthen their ability to help farmers and ranchers prepare for and manage risk. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, reviewed crop insurance changes in the 2014 Farm Bill and discussed using crop insurance as an effective tool to prepare for and economically survive crop failures due to insurable causes of loss. Over 1,300 Extension professionals from across the country attended the four-day conference.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
Crop-Hail New Adjuster Wheat, Corn, Soybeans School	July 28	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail Wheat, Corn, Sunflowers, Soybeans, Dry Beans, Barley School	July 29-30	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail & MPCl Apple School	July 29-30	Yakima, WA
Crop-Hail Corn & Soybeans School	July 29-30	Ames, Iowa
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
2015 Meetings		
2015 Claims Managers' Conference	January 21-22	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL
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