



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- PDC Meets in Overland Park
- MPCl and CH Canola, Corn and Wheat School
- Risk Management Education – South Carolina

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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.



Program Development Committee (PDC) Meets in Overland Park

The NCIS Program Development Committee met in Overland Park May 28 and 29 at the NCIS office. 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 the newest committee, 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.

MPCl and Crop Hail Canola, Corn and Wheat School

Approximately 100 adjusters attended the MPCl and Crop Hail Canola, Corn and Wheat School held in Stillwater, Oklahoma on May 20 and 21. This two-day school included a classroom session followed by field training held at the Cimarron Valley Research Station near Perkins, Oklahoma. Adjusters received training on MPCl and Crop-Hail appraisal methods for canola and winter wheat, as well as a review of the new Crop-Hail corn loss instructions and MPCl procedures for corn with aflatoxin. Josh Bushong, Oklahoma State University Extension, gave a presentation on canola challenges that included information on the effects of drought and freeze and stand establishment practices. NCIS

filed the school with the State of Oklahoma for continuing education hours and approximately forty attendee's names were submitted to receive Continuing Education credit for participating in the school.



Risk Management Education—South Carolina

NCIS is partnering with Extension Educators at South Carolina State University (SCSU) to teach risk management planning to limited resource and socially disadvantaged farmers in the StrikeForce counties of South Carolina. Funding for the project is from a competitive grant prepared by NCIS and selected by the Southern Risk Management Education Center (SRMEC), operated by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. The SRMEC is funded by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) which was formerly CSREES. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is Project Director and met with SCSU Extension Educators in Orangeburg, SC on May 28, 2014 in a planning meeting to initiate the project.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Crop-Hail Wheat & Corn School	June 11-12	Columbia, MO
Crop-Hail & MPCI Dry Peas, Lentils, Canola, Mustard, Safflower, and Small Grains School	June 24-25	Moccasin, MT
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 30-July 1	Offsite
Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans, Wheat-MPCI Forage School	July 15	Beresford, SD
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
New Adjuster School	July 23	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail Soybean & Corn School	July 24	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail New Adjuster School	July 28	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail (Crops TBD)	July 29	Fargo, ND

MPCI School	July 30	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail & MPCI Apple School	July 29-30	Yakima, WA
Crop-Hail & MPCI Corn, Cotton & Soybeans School	TBD	Manhattan, KS
Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean School	July 29-30	Ames, Iowa
Crop-Hail & MPCI School	August 5	Huntley, MT
Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean School	August 6-7	Champaign, IL
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