



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- **NCIS Welcomes New Employee James Houx**
- **NCIS Gets a New Look**



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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 Welcomes New Employee James Houx

NCIS welcomes Dr. James Houx to the NCIS staff as Ag Research and Technology Specialist in the Loss Adjustment and Insurance product Department (LAIP). His main focus will be working with Dr. Mark Zarnstorff on his numerous research projects. James is a University of Missouri Tiger all the way from his undergraduate through his doctorate training as well as his work experiences. He has extensive crop background in managing field and laboratory research projects, mentored graduate research assistants, written numerous refereed manuscripts, been awarded grants, and has been a guest speaker at conferences. Welcome Aboard James!



NCIS Gets a New Look!

To celebrate the ten year anniversary at our Overland Park, Kansas, location, NCIS is having a makeover of sorts. We are expanding the size of our large conference room to accommodate the expanded numbers of attendees at our meetings, modernizing our lunchroom, and increasing the number of offices. The noise and dust will be well worth the outcome. We should be ready by summer for visitors for an open house!

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
Regional/State Chairman Training	March 25-26	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 29-April 1	Orlando, FL
Communications & Outreach Meeting	April 9	Overland Park, KS
Underwriting & Operations Meeting	April 16-17	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	April 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting	April 23-24	Overland Park, KS
TIP Committee Meeting	May 7-8	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 15	Overland Park, KS
PDC Committee Meeting	May 28-29	Overland Park, KS
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	June 30-July 1	Offsite
NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 22-23	Overland Park, KS
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