



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Regional/State Chairman Training Meeting
- National Ag Day
- 2014 Farm Bill Listening Session



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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.



Regional/State Chairmen Training Meeting

The Regional State Committee Chairman Training was held in Overland Park this past week. The NCIS Regional/State committee structure is divided geographically into eighteen committee groups. Each committee conducts its annual meeting during the first quarter each year. Following these annual meetings, the chairmen meet each March to participate in a two-day training session to learn about NCIS functions and prepare them to run their committee meetings efficiently and effectively. Training this year included discussion on anti-trust issues, NCIS by-laws, Chairman responsibilities, new Corn procedures for Crop Hail, research projects, recommendation write-ups, IMAP on the web, adjuster licensing, and media training. The chairman also discussed issues that would impact crop insurance in their regions in 2014.



National Ag Day

NCIS Vice President of Public Relations, Laurie Langstraat, attended the 2014 National Ag Day activities in Washington D.C. last week. National Ag Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. On Monday, Agri-Pulse Communications sponsored a “Farm to Fork Politics” discussion with USDA Under Secretary Krysta Harden about Farm Bill implementation and other USDA initiatives. On Tuesday there was a national premiere screening of “The Great American Wheat Harvest” and a panel discussion of young farmers and ranchers on what it means to be a farmer or rancher taking over the responsibility for their family business. These were just a few of the activities held during the three-day event.

2014 Farm Bill Listening Session

The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency hosted a 2014 Farm Bill Listening Session for stakeholders and the public to share their views, priorities, and concerns about the new farm bill's programs and changes. The Listening Session was held on Thursday, March 27 at USDA's Jefferson Auditorium in Washington, D.C. NCIS' Troy Brady and Jessica Trites Rolle attended the listening session. FSA and RMA heard from many agriculture industry groups who indicated their support for efforts already taken to implement the Farm Bill, as well as indicated their willingness to engage the agencies in additional discussions on subsequent implementation efforts.



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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
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