



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Baseball Fever Epidemic at NCIS
- Nursery Workshop in Rhode Island
- National Cotton Council Interview



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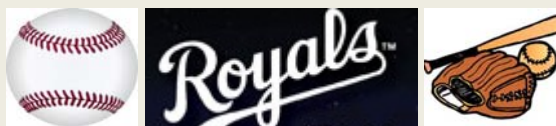
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Another active week at NCIS. With many new and important developments taking place in our industry, we bring you a "round-up" of NCIS activities, meetings, projects and progress. A list of future events will also be included in each edition.

We welcome your comments and look forward to sharing this update with you.



Baseball Fever Epidemic at NCIS

This has been a very busy summer at NCIS with Farm Bill Implementation being the primary focus of industry efforts. This past week has been quite challenging and a bit of fun for KC baseball fans. The Royals claimed an American League Division Series pennant playoff spot with a three-game sweep of the L.A. Angels. During the past week the Royals have won four straight play-off games including the Wild Card playoff. Three of these games were extra inning affairs. All this to say, more than several NCIS staff are hoarse and had some late nights cheering for the home team... so, maybe a few more email responses while we get our voices back. Please bear with us as we power through the next round of the playoffs with the American League Championship Series.

"Let's Go Royals"



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Nursery Workshop in Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association (RINLA) organized a workshop on risk management for nursery growers in conjunction with the University of Rhode Island (URI), in Matunuck, Rhode Island, September 29, 2014. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, participated in the workshop and discussed the crop insurance products available to nursery growers in Rhode Island. Participation in this RINLA workshop 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 the United States agricultural producers in states where there is traditionally and continues to be a low level of Federal crop insurance participation and availability.

National Cotton Council Interview

NCIS President Tom Zacharias was interviewed by the National Cotton Council last week for their regular weekly programming they provide to radio stations in the Cotton Belt. Questions were geared specifically towards how crop insurance has improved for cotton farmers through the 2014 Farm Bill, as well as how NCIS and its members gather and analyze data on cotton production, NCIS' cotton research programs and trends in cotton risk management tools.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	October 14-15	Offsite
Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting	October 22-23	Overland Park, KS
Training and Education Committee Meeting	November 4	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
<u>2015 Meetings</u>		
Minnesota/North Dakota/South	January 6-7	Morton, MN

Dakota R/S Meeting		
Colorado/Wyoming R/S Meeting	January 8	Littleton, CO
Gulf States R/S Meeting	January 15	Tunica, MS
2015 Claims Managers' Conference	January 21-22	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 29-30	Ruidoso, NM
Nebraska/Iowa R/S Meeting	February 3-4	Council Bluffs, IA
Kentucky/Tennessee R/S Meeting	February 5	Nashville, TN
Illinois/Wisconsin R/S Meeting	February 5	Springfield, IL
Indiana/Ohio/Michigan R/S Meeting	February 5	Ft. Wayne, IN
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 8-11	Bonita Springs, FL
Kansas/Oklahoma R/S Meeting	February 12	Oklahoma City, OK
Missouri R/S Meeting	February 17	Columbia, MO
California/Nevada R/S Meeting	February 17-18	Monterey, CA
Southeast/East R/S Meeting	March 3	Charleston, SC
Northwest/Montana	March 3-4	Missoula, MT
Regional State Chairman Training	TBD	Overland Park, KS
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