



What's Happening at NCIS

October 27, 2014

Topics this week:

- Risk Management Workshop – South Carolina
- Crop-Hail PPLA Meeting
- Women in Agribusiness Summit

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.



Go Royals!!

Risk Management Workshop—South Carolina

NCIS is partnering with Extension Educators at South Carolina State University (SCSU) to teach a series of Risk Management planning workshops to limited resource and socially disadvantaged farmers in the Strike Force counties of South Carolina. The objective is to help farmers and ranchers understand their risk exposure and develop risk management plans for their farms. This training consists of a series of three workshops and sixty hours of individualized instruction. NCIS conducted the second of the three workshops in Bowman, South Carolina on Saturday October 18, 2014. During this workshop, participants were taught how to prepare and use key financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows, enterprise budgets) to determine costs of production and risk exposure. 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. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is Project Director and primary instructor of this activity.



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Crop Hail Policy Procedure and Loss Adjustment (CH PPLA) Committee Meets at NCIS

The NCIS CH/PPLA Committee met in Overland Park October 22 and 23 with seventeen company representatives participating in the meeting. The committee discussed several policy, loss form and loss procedure issues. The committee also reviewed results from several research projects including rice, tobacco and dry peas.

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Women in Agribusiness Summit

NCIS staff Jessica Trites Rolle attended the 3rd annual Women in Agribusiness Summit in New Orleans, Louisiana October 6 - 8. The WIA Summit's purpose is to create "an interactive platform for women in the agri-food sector to convene, learn, and support one another", and to offer content around relevant industry trends, functional area topics, and personal skill development through keynote speakers, plenary sessions, and breakout workshops. Plenary session topics at this year's Summit included *The Crucial Role of Women in Global Ag Development*, *Commodity Market Outlook 2014 and Beyond*, *The Impact of Climate and Weather on Agricultural Production*, *The Impact of Policy on Agribusiness*, and *Ag Tech Innovation's Role in Creating a Sustainable Agricultural Value Chain*. Over 420 attendees representing more than 190 companies were fortunate to hear from dozens of excellent presenters, including keynote speakers EVP/Chief Risk Officer Leslie O'Donoghue of Agrium Inc. and USDA Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
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
2015 Meetings		
Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota R/S Meeting	January 6-7	Morton, MN
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