



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Article Published in Agricultural Finance Review
- Farm Credit Risk Management Conference
- 2014 Farm Bill Extension Conference

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.



Article Published in Agricultural Finance Review

Drs. Harun Bulut and Keith J. Collins has published an article in the current issue of *Agricultural Finance Review*, an academic journal, Volume 74, Number 3, pp. 397 - 426. The article is titled “Designing farm supplemental revenue coverage options on top of crop insurance coverage” and assesses, based on simulation analysis, farmer choice between crop insurance and supplemental revenue options as proposed during development of the 2014 Farm Bill.

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Farm Credit Risk Management Conference

Approximately 75 Farm Credit employees including loan officers, credit analysts, business consultants and management, from three Farm Credit associations (AgChoice Farm Credit, MidAtlantic Farm Credit, and Farm Credit of the Virginias) met in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania on August 26-27, 2014 for in-depth training on managing risk in the dairy industry. NCIS was invited to attend and provide an overview of risk management and crop insurance. Dr. Laurence Crane was the plenary presenter and also facilitated a discussion on the five areas of risk (production, marketing, financial, human resource, legal) including identification, prioritization, and risk treatment tools. Dr. Crane also participated in a panel discussion on addressing risk in the dairy industry using a holistic approach.

2014 Farm Bill Extension Conference

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A National conference for Extension Educators was held September 3-4 in Kansas City, Missouri at the Hilton Kansas City Airport Hotel. The conference was a train-the-trainer event for over 150 extension professionals nationwide to learn about the 2014 Farm Bill and gather the materials, insight, and tools needed to educate producers and others about farm bill programs, decisions, and issues. NCIS helped to sponsor the conference and Dr. Laurence Crane moderated the Opening Plenary Session on Title 1 of the bill where the Commodity Programs and the Crop Insurance Program options and decisions were discussed. Conference presentations are available at <http://agrisk.umn.edu>.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	September 16-17	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	September 23-24	Offsite
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
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

