



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- NCIS Scholarship Recipients
- Risk Management Workshop – South Carolina
- Minnesota Crop Insurance Conference
- NCIS Board of Directors Meeting



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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.***

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## ***NCIS Scholarship Recipients***

Anissa Taylor and Lacinda Ruby Lugo are new recipients of NCIS scholarships for full-time undergraduate students majoring in an agricultural discipline at an 1890 Land-Grant University. Ms. Taylor attends Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama and is majoring in Food Science. Ms. Lugo is a student at Fort Valley State University in Georgia and is in the Veterinary Technology program. Both are juniors at their respective universities and are outstanding students. The NCIS scholarships are designed to assist deserving students during their final four undergraduate semesters. The recipients of new scholarships last year, who are completing their senior year this year, are Miciah Ahrnsbrak and Elizabeth Andrews. Mr. Ahrnsbrak attends Langston University in Oklahoma and is majoring in Animal Science/Agribusiness, while Ms. Edwards is a student at the University of Arkansas—Pine Bluff and is an Agricultural Business major.

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## ***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. NCIS conducted the first of three workshops in Bowman, SC on Saturday September 13, 2014. The objective of this activity 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. 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. The SRMEC is funded by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) which was formerly CSREES. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is Project Director and primary instructor of this activity.

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### ***NCIS Participates in Minnesota Crop Insurance Conference***

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, presented at the Minnesota Crop Insurance Conference, held in Mankato, Minnesota, September 10-11. More than 600 crop insurance agents participate in this workshop for crop insurance providers, one of the largest in the Midwest. Topics covered at the conference included the current crop insurance industry outlook, farm bill, farm income trends and production costs, and the state of the agricultural economy.

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### ***Board of Directors Meeting***

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Overland Park on September 16 and 17. The Board approved the 2014 NCS research program and the operating budget for 2015. This is the fourth year that the Board has met with the FCIC Board of Directors and Dr. Joe Glauber, USDA Chief Economist. The group discussed various facets of the crop insurance program.

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
<b>2015 Meetings</b>		
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