



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- MPCI PPLA Committee Meets in Overland Park
- ABA Section of Antitrust Law Spring Meeting in D.C.
- 2015 AgriBank Annual 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.



NCIS Multi Peril Crop Insurance Policy Procedure and Loss Adjustment (MPCI PPLA) Committee Meets in Overland Park

The MPCII PPLA Committee met April 21 and 22, in Overland Park. The committee reviewed and acted on several Regional/State Committee recommendations including; revising tobacco planting dates, separate coverage for "Following Another Crop" soybeans, research on millet, and quality adjustment to flood damaged crops. The committee discussed a variety of topics including precision farming guidelines, weighed and farm stored production, cotton quality, loss adjustment factors, drought conditions, general standards handbook and practical to replant issues. RMA personnel provided updates and participated in discussion of MPCII issues.



ABA Section of Antitrust Law Spring Meeting Held in Washington D.C.

NCIS General Counsel Chuck Lee recently attended the Annual Spring Meeting of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law — the premier event of the year for antitrust professionals worldwide. The event drew nearly 3,000 people, including 600 government enforcers and practitioners from 60 countries outside the United States. The Spring Meeting is the world’s largest gathering of antitrust professionals.

Sessions attended by Chuck included “Agency Update with the Deputy Assistant Attorneys General,” “Antitrust Economic Concepts,” “Practical Issues for Retention of Counsel” and a program on current hot topics. Presenters at the sessions included the Deputy Assistant Attorneys General of the Justice Department’s Antitrust Division; a member of the Federal Trade Commission; the Director of Economics for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice; the Assistant Director in the Bureau of Economics at the United States Federal Trade Commission; the Director General of the European Commission’s Directorate General for Competition; a former member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers; and the former chief economist for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

2015 Agribank Annual Meeting

NCIS President, Tom Zacharias, provided an industry update at the 2015 AgriBank annual meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky, April 15. AgriBank is one of four banks in the Farm Credit System, established in 1916 by Congress, which provides innovative financial products and services to help farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses succeed. AgriBank provides funding to retail Farm Credit Associations that lend to approximately 238,000 farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners through locally based Farm Credit Associations in 15 states.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
CH PPLA Committee Meeting	April 28-29	Overland Park, KS
CH A&S Committee Meeting	May 12	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail & MPCl Canola and Wheat School	May 20-21	Stillwater, OK
PDC Committee Meeting	May 27-28	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail Wheat & Soybeans School	June 10-11	Columbia, MO
TBD School	June 23-24	Moccasin, MT
Board of Directors Meeting	June 29-30	Offsite
TBD School	TBD	Beresford, SD

Pear School and Row Crops School	TBD	Washington
Canola Field Day	TBD	KY or TN
NCIS 2016 Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
Corn & Soybeans School	July 21-22	Grand Island, NE
Crop-Hail New Adjuster School	July 22	Lamberton, MN
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Crop-Hail New Adjuster – Wheat, Corn and Soybeans School	July 27	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail School (Crops TBD)	July 28-29	Fargo, ND
MPCI School	TBD	Fargo, ND
Peanut and Cotton Quality Adjustment School	July/August	Lubbock, TX
Crop-Hail & MPCI Corn, Grain Sorghum and Soybeans School	August 4-5	Manhattan, KS
Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans and Wheat in Classroom School	August 5-6	Champaign, IL
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
Board of Directors Meeting	September 15-16	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	September 17-18	Overland Park, KS
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	September 27-30	Kansas City, MO
NCIS 2016 Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 4-5	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 19-22	Washington, D.C.
Board of Directors Meeting	December 9-10 or 10-11	Offsite
<u>2016 Meetings</u>		
2016 Claims Managers Conference	January 20-21	Overland Park, KS
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 14-17	Indian Wells, CA
Board of Directors Meeting	February 17	Indian Wells, CA
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 3-6	New Orleans, LA
NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference	July 12-13	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 6-9	San Diego, CA
NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference	November 2-3	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 10-13	Miami Beach, FL