



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- PAS Visits NCIS
- Extension Risk Management Education – N. Central Center



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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.

A great sports week in Kansas City – Kansas City Royals, Sporting KC, KC Chiefs!



Kansas City Sports Pride!

National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization Visits NCIS

Student and advisor representatives from the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) visited NCIS earlier this month. PAS is an organization associated with agribusiness, agronomy, animal science, farm management, agricultural technologies, horticulture, natural resources, veterinary technicians and related agricultural offerings in two- or four-year institutions.

Officially founded in March 1980 in Kansas City, Missouri, PAS has 11,500 members from 49 chapters located in 12 states. Membership is available to students enrolled in agriculture/agribusiness/natural resources postsecondary programs in approximately 550 institutions in all 50 states.

PAS will host its national conference in Kansas City March 16-19, 2016, where more than 600 participants, who have earned their way through the industry-focused competitive events, will gather together and compete at the national level. All of the participants are members of PAS and have been involved with specific educational training related to the agricultural industry as part of the college curriculums.

If you are interested in learning more about PAS, please visit their website at www.nationalpas.org.

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Extension Risk Management Education—North Central Center

NCIS participated in the Advisory Council Meeting of the Extension Risk Management Education—North Central Center (ERME-NCC) in Bismarck, North Dakota, August 18-19, 2015. The goal of the Center is to give farmers and ranchers the tools to improve their risk management skills and capabilities. The Center is managed by the University of Nebraska and funded by USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and provides funding through a competitive grants process for 18-month education projects to help producers learn new strategies to manage the risks they face. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is a member of the Advisory Council and helped set the priorities for the next round of grants to be considered for funding this fall.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
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 19-20	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