



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- MO Regional/State Committee Meeting
- AZ/CA/NV Regional/State Committee Meeting
- 2015 Ag Outlook Forum



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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.**



## 2015 Missouri Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The Missouri Regional/State Committee held their Annual Meeting Tuesday, February 17 in Columbia, Missouri. Almost thirty participants attended, and eleven companies were represented. Peter Zimmel from FAPRI of the University of Missouri was the guest speaker. He presented information on the how the changes to the Farm Bill have resulted in various new insurance options for producers in Missouri to consider. With the help of on-line decision tools, FAPRI has assisted over 26,000 users to understand the options available to producers. Greg Oetting, representing the Topeka RMA Regional Office, updated attendees on the statement changes affecting Missouri crops, along with information related to the Farm Bill. Rod Bealer, representing the FSA, discussed the Farm Bill and conservation compliance NCIS liaison, Mollie Dvorak, presented on Program Integrity, and various other updates including the Loss Adjustment Manual and the Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program.

## 2015 Arizona/California/Nevada Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The Arizona/California/Nevada Regional/State Committee met in Monterey, California on February 17-18. Forty-two members from nine companies, FSA, RMA, and NCIS were in attendance. Mel Machado, guest speaker, from Blue Diamond Almond Growers, addressed the group on the almond industry from a marketing perspective, the supply of almonds, the condition of trees to produce next year's crop, pollinators, water supply, and available acres. Dan Erickson, Davis WRCO, provided an update on compliance. Jeff Yasui, Davis RO, presented an update on Farm Bill implementation and issues in the field. Jim Otto presented the general

update for the Davis RO on topics including premium and liability amounts and trends over the past five years, and possible changes to the programs. Carol John, California FSA, spoke on conservation compliance. Mike Sieben and Mark Flohr from NCIS presented updates to the MPCI and Crop-Hail programs, program integrity, and summarized the premium and loss information for the three states for last year.



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### ***2015 Ag Outlook Forum***

NCIS employees Drs. Tom Zacharias, Keith Collins, Laurence Crane, and Harun Bulut attended the 2015 Agricultural Outlook Forum, “Smart Agriculture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” held in Washington, D.C., February 19 and 20. USDA has hosted the Agricultural Outlook Forum since 1923 to provide farmers and ranchers, government, and agribusinesses with sound information for decision-making. Attendees included members of farm organizations, food and fiber firms, academia, foreign governments, and the news media. This year’s trade outlook was presented by newly appointed Acting Chief Economist, Robert Johansson.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<u>2015 Meetings</u>		
Southeast/East R/S Meeting	March 3	Charleston, SC
Northwest/Montana R/S Meeting	March 3-4	Missoula, MT
Regional State Chairman Training	March 24-25	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 28-31	Phoenix, AZ
TIP Committee Meeting	April 7-8	Overland Park, KS
Communications & Outreach	April 9	Overland Park, KS
Underwriting & Operations Committee Meeting	April 14-15	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	April 21-22	Overland Park, KS
CH PPLA Committee Meeting	April 28-29	Overland Park, KS
CH A&S Committee Meeting	May 12	Overland Park, KS
PDC Committee Meeting	May 27-28	Overland Park, KS
Board of Directors Meeting	June 29-30	Offsite
NCIS 2016 Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
Board of Directors Meeting	September 15-16	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