



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- 2015 NCIS Claims Managers Conference
- Extension Risk Management Education – North 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.



2015 NCIS National Claims Managers Conference

Over 175 Claims and Compliance Managers, along with Company Training staff, met to discuss the latest crop insurance loss adjustment and compliance changes at the 2015 National Claims Managers conference held in Overland Park, Kansas, January 21-22. The conference included training materials on Crop Hail and MPCl Loss Handbooks changes, Loss Adjustment Manual updates, cover crop rules and regulations, adjuster licensing, 2014 research results, MPCl actuarial filings, Whole Farm Revenue policy overview, and Peanut Revenue coverage. Guest speakers included Chris Daly, Oregon State University, who discussed the PRISM climate and weather system. Heather Manzano, Deputy Administrator, Risk Management Agency, provided information regarding improper payments. A legal panel addressed issues pertaining to claim situations and how to prepare files for possible arbitration.



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Extension Risk Management Education—North Central Center

NCIS participated in the Advisory Council Meeting of the North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center held in Columbus, Ohio, January 20-21. The North Central Center, hosted by the University of Nebraska Department of Agricultural Economics, is one of four Extension Risk Management Education Centers across the country funded by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The goal of the Centers is to give farmers and ranchers the tools to improve their risk management skills and capabilities. The Centers provide 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 participated in the review and selection of proposals for education projects for the period starting April 1, 2015.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
2015 Meetings		
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 29-30	Mescalero, 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
NCIS Board of Directors Meeting	February 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
Ag Outlook Forum	February 19-20	Arlington, VA
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