



What's Happening at NCIS

July 20, 2015

Topics this week:

- NCIS 2016 Train the Trainer Conference
- NCIS Board of Directors Mtg.
- NCIS CH Corn, Soybeans, Oats & MPCF Forage School
- 125th Anniversary of 1890 Morrill Act Held in DC



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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 Train the Trainer Conference

The 2016 NCIS Fall Train the Trainer Conference was held June 14 and 15 in Overland Park, Kansas with more than 250 participants in attendance for the two-day session. This important national conference is designed for NCIS training contacts and company training personnel. Updated technical information and training materials needed to prepare and conduct their company fall training for the 2016 crop year is provided. Guest speakers included Dave Paul, Watts & Associates, and Tim Hoffmann, RMA. The use of e-binders instead of hard copy binders has become a popular option at this conference with 160 attendees choosing this option at a reduced conference cost.



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NCIS Board of Directors Meeting

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting June 29 and 30. Agenda items included follow up from the spring meetings of the NCIS Standing Committees and the Program Development Committee. In addition, the Board reviewed the industry public relations activities and the NAIC audit findings of NCIS.

2015 NCIS Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans, Oats and MPCl Forage School

The 2015 NCIS Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans, Oats and MPCl Forage School took place at the Southeast South Dakota Experiment Farm on July 16. Over 70 participants were briefed on program integrity and learned about the various Crop-Hail and MPCl loss adjustment procedures using hands-on training by rotating throughout the various crop field training areas.

125th Anniversary of the 1890 Morrill Act Held in Washington D.C.

NCIS participated in the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the 1890 Morrill Act in Washington, DC, July 14-16, 2015. Staff provided an exhibit describing the outreach activities, educational workshops, and scholarship program we have conducted in cooperation with the 1890 Universities over the years. This exhibition occurred as part of a reception for Congress at the Library of Congress, demonstrating to the public, politicians, decision-makers, government agencies, and private and philanthropic sectors why they should invest in the 1890 institutions. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, also participated in a panel discussion with the University Presidents and Deans discussing our current programs and activities with the 1890 universities, the value of these programs to our industry and to agriculture in general, and opportunities to enhance and expand these programs in the future. NCIS also received a Champion Award for our contributions and support of the 1890 land-grant universities. The First Morrill Act of 1862 provided federal funds from the sale of public land to establish an endowment fund for land-grant colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts. The 1890 Morrill Act provided the

same opportunities for blacks by providing funds to 19 additional universities for blacks.



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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Crop-Hail and MPCl Corn & Soybeans School	July 21-22	Grand Island, NE
Crop-Hail New Adjuster School (Corn, Soybeans, Dry Beans)	July 22	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail Corn and Soybeans School	July 23	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail & MPCl Corn, Soybeans, Grain Sorghum and Cotton School	July 30-31	Manhattan, KS
Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans and Wheat in Classroom School	August 5-6	Champaign, IL
Crop-Hail New Adjuster – Wheat, Corn and Soybeans School	August 10	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail Wheat, Sunflowers, Dry Beans, Corn, Soybeans, and Barley	August 11	Fargo, ND
MPCl Quality Adjustment Cotton and Peanut School	August 11	Lubbock, TX
MPCl School	September	Fargo, ND
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 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