



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- NCIS PDC Committee Meets in Overland Park
- Crop-Hail & MPCl Canola and Wheat School
- Marketing Risk Management – Mississippi Planning Session



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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 Product Development Committee (PDC) Meets in Overland Park

The NCIS Program Development Committee met in Overland Park May 27 and 28 at the NCIS office. The PDC is comprised of the Chairmen from each of the 7 Standing committees (Communications and Outreach; Crop-Hail Actuarial and Statistics; Crop-Hail Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; MPCl Policy, Procedure and Loss Adjustment; Technology and Information Processing; Training and Education; and Underwriting and Operations) as well as a representative from each member company with active representation on a minimum of 4 Standing committees. Members of the PDC are briefed on issues affecting the crop insurance industry that are recommended by the various standing committees. Action items brought forward and approved through the PDC are then voted on by the Board of Directors.



### Crop-Hail Policy & MPCl Canola and Wheat School

Approximately 100 adjusters attended the Crop-Hail and MPCl Wheat and Canola School held in Stillwater, Oklahoma on May 20 and 21. The two-day school included a classroom session followed by field training held at the Cimarron Valley Research Station near Perkins, Oklahoma. Classroom sessions included training on both MPCl and Crop-Hail appraisal methods for canola and winter wheat and a presentation by Josh Bushong, Winter Canola Extension Specialist for Oklahoma State University. Even though the plots were muddy from the recent rains, the weather cooperated the second day and adjusters came prepared for some in-field training. NCIS filed the school with the State of Oklahoma for continuing education and over fifty attendees signed up to receive hours for participating in the school.



### Marketing Risk Management—Mississippi Planning Session

NCIS is partnering with Extension Educators at Alcorn State University to teach a series of workshops to help limited resource and socially disadvantaged farmers in the Strike Force counties in Mississippi manage their marketing risks. The objective is to help farmers and ranchers understand their risk exposure, determine their costs of production, and develop marketing plans for their farms. NCIS led a planning session with Extension Educators who will be involved in the project in Raymond, Mississippi, May 21, 2015. This training will consist of a series of three workshops and sixty hours of individualized instruction, beginning this fall. Funding for the project is from a competitive grant prepared by NCIS and selected by the Southern Risk Management Education Center (SRMEC) operated by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, is Project Director and primary instructor of this activity.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Crop-Hail Wheat & Soybeans School	June 10-11	Columbia, MO
MPCl Grape & Pear School	June 15-16	Yakima, WA
Crop-Hail & MPCl Corn, Lentils, Peas and Wheat School	June 23-24	Moccasin, MT
Board of Directors Meeting	June 29-30	Offsite

NCIS 2016 Fall Train the Trainer Conference	July 14-15	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans & Oats, MPCl Forage School	July 16	Beresford, SD
Corn & Soybeans School	July 21-22	Grand Island, NE
Crop-Hail New Adjuster School	July 22	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail School	July 23	Lamberton, MN
Crop-Hail & MPCl Corn, Grain Sorghum and Soybeans School	July 28-29	Manhattan, KS
Peanut and Cotton Quality Adjustment School	July/August	Lubbock, TX
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 School (Crops TBD)	August 11	Fargo, ND
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 14-17	Chicago, IL
MPCl School	September	Fargo, ND
Board of Directors Meeting	September 15-16	Overland Park, KS
MPCl 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