



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- East/Southeast R/S Committee Meeting
- Northwest/Montana R/S Committee Meeting



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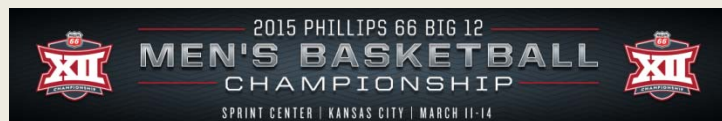
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**Another active week at NCIS. With many new and important developments taking place in our industry, we bring you a "round-up" of NCIS activities, meetings, projects and progress. A list of future events will also be included in each edition.**

**We welcome your comments and look forward to sharing this update with you.**



Except for Arizona & Hawaii!



## 2014 East/Southeast Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The East/Southeast Regional/State Committees held their annual meeting on March 3 in Charleston, South Carolina. Eleven companies were represented by thirty-one attendees along with two representatives from the Raleigh and Valdosta RMA Regional Offices. Updates from Jordan Atkinson (East), Andy Stanley (Southeast) and David Gray (Florida sub-committee) focused on challenges from the recent loss season and other committee issues. Amy Turner, FSA representative, presented ARC/PLC material and other relevant FSA information. Dr. Michael Jones, Extension Specialist with Clemson University, updated the participants with results from the cotton research in South Carolina. Davina Lee, Valdosta RMA RO, meeting for the first time at the E/SE meeting, gave an update to include special provision issues and prices. Mollie Dvorak and Lynnette Dillon, committee liaisons, presented information relating to the 2015 LAM, LASH changes, CAPP, committee recommendations and showed a new program integrity video to the members.

Scott Lucas, Raleigh RMA RO, who will be retiring in April, was given a standing ovation by the committee. Both NCIS and the East/Southeast committee extend our congratulations to Scott on his retirement and wish him the best. Throughout the years, Scott has attended the majority of our annual meetings and has presented numerous crop issues relating to the area. He has always been a willing speaker and we want to thank him for his participation and hard work in the crop industry.

**2014 Montana/Northwest Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting**

The 2015 Montana and Northwest Regional State Crop Insurance Committees' Annual Meeting was held in Missoula, Montana, March 3 and 4. Twenty-eight representatives from NCIS member companies were in attendance representing nine companies along with two representatives from the Risk Management Agency and an agent association representative. The meeting was chaired by Cheryl Richmond-Witwer (RCIS – NW) and Kurt Laubach (Heartland - MT).

Speakers included Shad Weber, Montana RMA Regional Office; Ben Thiel, Spokane RMA Regional Office; and Dr. Vikram Mehta, President and Executive Director of the Center for Research on the Changing Earth System (CRCES). Mr. Weber provided statistical data for the Billings RO and covered the topics of special provision statements and participation in large claims. Ben Thiel also provided statistics for his region in addition to a presentation on the Whole Farm Revenue Protection plan and discussed the outlook and issues surrounding failure of the irrigation supply. Dr. Mehta provided the group a presentation via webinar on decadal climate variability and global observing systems plans with specific emphasis on the Missouri River Basin. Dean Strasser, NCIS, provided information on recommendations from the various NCIS Regional/State Crop Insurance Committees and NCIS standing committees for MPCl and Crop Hail; a Policy and Underwriting update; Crop Hail update; overview of changes to the Loss Adjustment and Prevented Planting Manuals; and a CAPP update.

**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>		
<b>Regional State Chairman Training</b>	<b>March 24-25</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 28-31	Phoenix, AZ
TIP Committee Meeting	April 7-8	Overland Park, KS
Communications & Outreach Committee Meeting	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
<b>2016 Meetings</b>		
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