



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Regional State Chairman Training
- MANRRS Conference



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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.



Celebrate This Wednesday!

How does your bracket look these days?

Regional/State Chairman Training Held in Overland Park

The Regional/State Chairman Training was held in Overland Park on March 24-25. The NCIS Regional/State committee structure is divided geographically into eighteen committee groups with seventeen committees being represented at this meeting. Each committee conducts its annual meeting during the first quarter each year. Following these annual meetings, the chairmen (or a committee representative if the chairman is unable to attend) meet each March to participate in a two-day training session to learn about NCIS functions and prepare them to conduct their committee meetings efficiently and effectively. Phillip Hayes, North Bridge Communications, led the group in presentation preparation. Training also included discussion on anti-trust issues, NCIS by-laws, the importance of research, how to plan annual meetings/schools, making recommendations and website training. The chairmen also discussed issues that would impact crop insurance in their regions in 2015.



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Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Conference

NCIS participated in the 30th Annual Career Fair and Training Conference of the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) in Houston, Texas, March 27-28. MANRRS is a non-profit organization that promotes and fosters the inclusion of underrepresented minorities in agriculture, natural resources and related disciplines. The conference provided a forum for student and professional members from private industry, government, and academia to interact and promote scholarly excellence, professional development, networking, and career placement. Over 850 individuals participated in the conference. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, represented the crop insurance industry and discussed opportunities for MANRRS members to pursue careers in the crop insurance industry.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
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
<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