



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Farm Policy Videos Released
- CIPA Meeting Held in KC



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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.



May 11 is "National Eat What You Want Day" so celebrate, but try not to overindulge!

Former USDA Chief Economist Discusses 40-Year Career, Farm Policy in New Videos

Dr. Keith Collins reflected on his distinguished career and the future of farm policy in a series of videos that can be found on the NCIS YouTube page. Keith recorded the three videos as one of his last projects before he officially retired from NCIS on March 31.

The videos attest to Keith's nearly 40 years of farm policy experience, during which time he was a witness at 80 congressional hearings, received five Presidential Rank Awards for Distinguished or Meritorious Executive and was elected a fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association.

The first video is Keith's testimonial, chronicling why Congress turned to crop insurance as the foundation of the farm safety net, and it is available [here](#).

The second video tracks farm policy's journey from complete government control to being more market oriented and driven by the private sector. It can be viewed [here](#).

Finally, Keith discusses why affordability, availability and viability of crop insurance are so crucial in the third recording, which can be seen [here](#).

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Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA) Meeting

The CIPA Annual Membership meeting was held May 4-5 in Kansas City. CIPA is a national organization of crop insurance agents. Monday morning included a reception with U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS). Monday afternoon, NCIS President Tom Zacharias provided an NCIS update. On Tuesday, Jessica Trites Rolle, Vice President of Data Quality and Systems Design, presented and participated in a panel discussion on acreage reporting and farm data. The meeting also included a roundtable discussion with RMA staff.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
CH A&S Committee Meeting	May 12	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail & MPCl Canola and Wheat School	May 20-21	Stillwater, OK
PDC Committee Meeting	May 27-28	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail Wheat & Soybeans School	June 10-11	Columbia, MO
Crop-Hail & MPCl Grape & Pear School	June 15-16	Yakima, WA
TBD School	June 23-24	Moccasin, MT
Board of Directors Meeting	June 29-30	Offsite
Canola Field Day	TBD	KY or TN
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 New Adjuster – Wheat, Corn and Soybeans School	July 27	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail & MPCI Corn, Grain Sorghum and Soybeans School	July 28-29	Manhattan, KS
Crop-Hail School (Crops TBD)	July 28-29	Fargo, ND
MPCI School	TBD	Fargo, ND
Peanut and Cotton Quality Adjustment School	July/August	Lubbock, TX
Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans and Wheat in Classroom School	August 5-6	Champaign, IL
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
2016 Meetings		
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