



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Board Of Directors Meeting
- MPC I PPLA Committee Meeting
- CIO Council Meeting



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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.



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NCIS Board of Directors Meeting Meets in Overland Park

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Overland Park on September 15 and 16. The Board approved the 2016 NCIS research program and the operating budget for 2016. This is the fourth year that the Board has met with the FCIC Board of Directors and Dr. Rob Johansson, USDA Chief Economist. The group discussed various facets of the crop insurance program.



NCIS MPC I PPLA Committee Meeting Meets in Overland Park

The MPC I PPLA Committee met September 17 and 18, in Overland Park. The committee reviewed and acted on a Regional/State Committee recommendation proposing revisions to the burley and flue cured tobacco quality adjustment provisions. The committee discussed a variety of topics including the draft 2016

LAM procedures, unharvested sugar beets, quality adjustment determinations, acreage verification, prevented planting, cover crop impacts on continuous crop and summer fallow wheat practices and the West Texas cotton monitoring program. RMA personnel from the Product Management and Compliance offices in Kansas City provided updates and participated in discussion of MPCCI issues.



Chief Information Officer Council Meets in Overland Park

On September 16, NCIS hosted a half-day RMA-led Chief Information Officer (CIO) Council with Information Technology (IT) officers from each AIP in attendance. This session allowed the RMA CIO and his staff to discuss with AIPs topics, such as ways to improve early information sharing and planning; increase communication about new technologies and how or if RMA should employ them; ensure consistency in data and systems security; and determine non-proprietary ‘global’ IT solutions. Several action items and key areas of concern were documented during the meeting. To avoid gaps in communication or duplication of effort, the CIO Council intends to coordinate future efforts with the NCIS TIP Committee and with RMA business staff.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
AIAG (International Association of Agricultural Production Insurers)	September 27-30	Kansas City, MO
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	October 26	Overland Park, KS
NCIS 2016 Spring Train the Trainer Conference	November 4-5	Overland Park, KS
Training & Education Meeting	November 5	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 19-22	Washington, D.C.
Board of Directors Meeting	December 10-11	Offsite
2016 Meetings		

Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota R/S Meeting	January 6-7	Watertown, SD
Colorado/Wyoming R/S Meeting	January 8	Littleton, CO
Gulf States R/S Meeting	January 14	Tunica, MS
NCIS 2016 Claims Managers Conference	January 20	Overland Park, KS
Whole Farm Revenue Protection Adjuster Training	January 21	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 28-29	Ruidoso, NM
Iowa/Nebraska R/S Meeting	February 2-3	Council Bluffs, IA
Kentucky/Tennessee R/S Meeting	February 4	Nashville, TN
Illinois/Wisconsin R/S Meeting	February 4	Springfield, IL
Indiana/Michigan/Ohio R/S Meeting	February 4	Ft. Wayne, IN
Kansas/Oklahoma R/S Meeting	February 11	TBD, Kansas
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 14-17	Indian Wells, CA
Missouri R/S Meeting	February 16	Columbia, MO
Board of Directors Meeting	February 17	Indian Wells, CA
Arizona/California/Nevada R/S Meeting	February 23-24	Monterey, CA
East/Southeast R/S Meeting	March 1	Myrtle Beach, SC
Montana/Northwest R/S Meeting	March 1-2	Missoula, MT
Regional/State Chairman Training	TBD	Overland Park, KS
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