



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

- Underwriting and Operations Committee Meeting
- Industry Commended for Decreasing Improper Payment Rate
- NCIS Staff Attends Antitrust Meeting in D.C.

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.



Underwriting and Operations Committee Meeting

The MPCU Underwriting and Operations (U&O) committee's annual meeting was held April 5 and 6 at the NCIS offices in Overland Park, Kansas. Tuesday's session included presentations on antitrust and program integrity followed by a discussion with Alex Offerdahl of Watts and Associates on 508(h) product development. RMA representatives participated in Wednesday's discussions on policy and procedure updates for 2017 including reviewing forthcoming updates to the General Standards Handbook (GSH), Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH), Document and Supplemental Standards Handbook (DSSH), Written Agreement Handbook (WAH) and the Ineligible Standards Handbook (ISH). Additional topics included Conservation Compliance and other Farm Bill issues, Yield Exclusion program expansion, Native Sod changes and a review of the Late Payment of Debt procedures. RMA also provided an update of the draft Actual Production History (APH) proposed rule and the Acreage Crop Reporting Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI). The committee will continue to regularly meet via conference call on the first Tuesday of each month.



Ken Ackerman Says Industry Should be Commended for Decreasing Improper Payment Rate

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Ken Ackerman, former RMA administrator, recently wrote a blog about the industry's significant improvement in its improper payment rate saying RMA and industry should be commended for a job well done. The blog can be found [here](#).

NCIS reached out to Mr. Ackerman and asked him to record an audio news release (ANR) about this, which was distributed through the National Association of Farm Broadcasting's news service. Agri-Pulse Communications picked up the ANR and you can listen to it at the link below.

<http://agri-pulse.com/Former-RMA-official-says-industry-should-tout-crop-insurance-metrics-04052016.asp>

We were pleased that Mr. Ackerman was willing help us spread this important message. Please let me know if you have any questions.

ABA Section of Antitrust Law Spring Meeting Held in Washington D.C.

NCIS General Counsel Chuck Lee recently attended the Annual Spring Meeting of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law — the premier event of the year for antitrust professionals worldwide. The event drew nearly 3,000 people, including 600 government enforcers and practitioners from 60 countries outside the United States. The Spring Meeting is the world's largest gathering of antitrust professionals.

Sessions attended by Chuck included "Agency Update with the Deputy Assistant Attorneys General," "Antitrust Economic Concepts," "The FTC and the New Frontier of Privacy," "The Enforcers' Roundtable," and programs on current hot topics and the status of the Department of Justice leniency program. Presenters at the sessions included the Deputy Assistant Attorneys General of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division; a member of the Federal Trade Commission; a former Solicitor General; the Director General of the European Commission's Directorate General for Competition; and a former member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
2016 Meetings – Click Here to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).		

<i>Technology and Processing Committee Meeting</i>	April 13-14	Overland Park, KS
<i>Communications and Outreach Committee Meeting</i>	April 14-15	Washington, D.C.
<i>MP PPLA Committee Meeting</i>	April 19-20	Overland Park, KS
<i>CH PPLA Committee Meeting</i>	April 20-21	Overland Park, KS
<i>Canadian CCHA Meeting</i>	April 20-21	Overland Park, KS
<i>Sunflowers School</i>	TBD	Southwest Region
<i>WFRP or MPCl Apples School</i>	TBD	IN/OH/MI Region
<i>CH A&S Committee Meeting</i>	May 10	Overland Park, KS
<i>MPCl & Crop-Hail School (Crops TBD)</i>	May 18-19	Stillwater, OK
<i>PDC Meeting</i>	May 24-25	Overland Park, KS
<i>Crop-Hail Wheat & Soybeans School</i>	June 14-15	Columbia, MO
<i>MPCl & Crop-Hail Dry Peas & Wheat School</i>	June 21-22	Scottsbluff, NE
<i>MPCl & Crop-Hail Canola, Forage, Lentils & Wheat School</i>	June 21-22	Moccasin, MT
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	June 27-28	Offsite
<i>Crops TBD School</i>	July TBD	Manhattan, KS
<i>Crops TBD School</i>	July TBD	Beresford, SD
<i>MPCl Rice School</i>	July 12-13	Stuttgart, AR
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference</i>	July 19-20	Overland Park, KS
<i>Crop-Hail New Adjuster School</i>	July 20	Lamberton, MN
<i>Crop-Hail Corn & Soybean School</i>	July 21	Lamberton, MN
<i>MPCl & Crop-Hail Canola (Winter & Spring), Forage, Lentils, Peas & Wheat School</i>	July 26-27	Spokane, WA

<i>Crop-Hail Corn, Soybean, Wheat in Classroom School</i>	August 3-4	Champaign, IL
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	August 6-9	San Diego, CA
<i>Crop-Hail New Adjuster (Crops TBD) School</i>	August 8	Fargo, ND
<i>Crop-Hail (Crops TBD) School</i>	August 9-10	Fargo, ND
<i>Row Crops (Barley, Corn, Dry Beans, Soybeans, Sugar Beets, Sunflowers) School</i>	August 9	Powell, WY
<i>Crop-Hail Corn & Soybeans School</i>	August 9-10	Ames, IA
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	September 21-22	Overland Park, KS
<i>MPCI Cotton & Soybeans School</i>	October TBD	Florence, SC
<i>Training and Education Committee Meeting</i>	November 1	Overland Park, KS
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference</i>	November 2-3	Overland Park, KS
<i>MPCI Fresh Market, Blueberries & WFRP School</i>	November 9-10	Lake Alfred, FL
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	December 8-9	Offsite
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	December 10-13	Miami Beach, FL
<u>2017 Meetings</u>		
<i>NCIS 2017 Claims Managers' Conference</i>	January 18-19	Overland Park, KS
<i>Crop Insurance Industry Convention</i>	February 5-8	Bonita Springs, FL
<i>NAIC Spring Meeting</i>	April 8-11	Denver, CO
<i>NCIS 2018 Train the Trainer Fall Conference</i>	July 18-19	Overland Park, KS
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	August 5-8	Philadelphia, PA
<i>NCIS 2018 Train the Trainer Spring Conference</i>	November 8-9	Overland Park, KS
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	December 2-5	Honolulu, HA