



What's Happening at NCIS

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Topics this week:

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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.



NCIS Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans and Wheat School/Field Days

The Illinois and Wisconsin Regional/State NCIS committee held the 2016 Crop-Hail Corn, Soybean, and Wheat School/Field Days in Champaign, Illinois, on August 3 and 4 with over 100 new and experienced adjusters participating. The school included classroom instruction on corn, soybean, and wheat loss adjustment procedures taught by knowledgeable, experienced adjusters from member companies. Following classroom instruction, field exercises were conducted at the University of Illinois' Crop Science Research and Education Center in Urbana and focused on corn and soybean hail damage at three developmental stages encompassing early vegetative through late-reproductive growth and included corn ear damage. Wheat loss procedures were also conducted in the field for the first time. James Houx from NCIS discussed program integrity and professional conduct.



NCIS Participates in AAEA Meeting Held in Boston

Drs. Tom Zacharias, Harun Bulut and Laurence Crane, NCIS, represented NCIS at the 2016 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) annual meeting held in Boston, MA, on July 31 - August 2. The AAEA is a forum for scholarly work in agricultural economics with over 1,300 agricultural and applied economists routinely attending.

Tom participated in a session entitled, "Crop Insurance: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Industry." Harun presented two papers, "Economic Design for the Supply Side of Agricultural Insurance Markets" and "U.S. Farmers' Choices Under Expected Utility Theory and Cumulative Prospect Theory." Harun also accepted to serve as Incoming Chair-Elect for the Applied Risk Analysis (ARA) section within the AAEA. Laurence accepted an award recognizing his long-standing participation in COSBAE (Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics) and NCIS' ongoing support of COSBAE activities.

Chinese Delegation Visits NCIS



On August 4, 2016, NCIS senior staff met with a delegation from the Dalian Commodity Exchange, Dalian, China at the NCIS office. The primary focus of the meeting was a general discussion of the crop insurance industry including the types of crop insurance and participation of US farmers.

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

Event	Date(s)	Location
<i>2016 Meetings – Click Here to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).</i>		
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 6-9	San Diego, CA
Crop-Hail New Adjuster School	August 8	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail Corn, Soybeans, Dry Beans, Wheat/Barley, Sunflowers, Field Peas/Lentils School	August 9-10	Fargo, ND
Crop-Hail & MPCl Row Crops (Barley, Corn, Dry Beans, Soybeans, Sugar Beets, Sunflowers) School	August 9	Powell, WY
Crop-Hail Corn and Soybeans School	August 9-10	Ames, IA
MPCl Apples School	August 23-24	Benton Harbor, MI
Board of Directors Meeting	September 21-22	Overland Park, KS

MPCI Cotton and Soybeans School	October 11-12	Florence, SC
Training and Education Committee Meeting	November 1	Overland Park, KS
NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference	November 2-3	Overland Park, KS
MPCI Fresh Market, Blueberries, Citrus & WFRP School	November 9-10	Lake Alfred, FL
Board of Directors Meeting	December 8-9	Offsite
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 10-13	Miami Beach, FL
<u>2017 Meetings</u>		
MN/ND/SD R/S Meeting	January 4-5	Fargo, ND
CO/WY R/S Meeting	January 5	Denver, CO
NCIS 2017 Claims Managers' Conference	January 18-19	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 26-27	Fredericksburg, TX
KY/TN R/S Meeting	February 2	Nashville, TN
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 5-8	Bonita Springs, FL
IL/WI R/S Meeting	February 9	Springfield, IL
Gulf States R/S Meeting	February 9	Tunica, MS
IN/MI/OH R/S Meeting	February 9	Ft. Wayne, IN
KS/OK R/S Meeting	February 9	Oklahoma City, OK
IA/NE R/S Meeting	February 15-16	Council Bluffs, IA
MO R/S Meeting	February 16	Columbia, MO
AZ/CA/NV R/S Meeting	February 21-22	Monterey, CA
MT/Northwest R/S Meeting	Feb 28-March 1	Missoula, MT
East/Southeast R/S Meeting	March 7	Savannah, GA
Regional/State Chairman Training	March 28-29	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 8-11	Denver, CO
NCIS 2018 Train the Trainer Fall Conference	July 18-19	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 5-8	Philadelphia, PA
NCIS 2018 Train the Trainer Spring Conference	November 8-9	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 2-5	Honolulu, HI