

Topics this week:

- 74th Professional Agricultural Worker's Conference
- Nat'l Farmers Union Online Conference
- NCIS Board of Directors 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.



74th Professional Agricultural Worker's Conference

NCIS helped sponsor the 74th Annual Professional Agricultural Worker's Conference (PAWC) at Tuskegee University, December 4-6, in Tuskegee, AL and displayed an exhibit promoting the use of Crop Insurance. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, interacted with the over 350 participants, providing answers on crop insurance and how crop insurance can be used to effectively manage risk. PAWC began in 1942 with Tuskegee University and local and state support and participation. Now international in scope, there are representatives from several African countries, the national land grant community, and state, federal, and the private sector. Its mission is to enhance the skills and contributions of agricultural and related professionals (business, government, university and community professionals) involved in discovery, dissemination and use of emerging technologies, information, problem solving, policy formation and strategy development for the advancement of people and communities.

National Farmers Union Online Conference

NCIS participated in an online virtual conference for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers sponsored by National Farmers Union (NFU), December 5-8. The conference theme was "Growing for the Future," and covered a range of topics including: risk management, USDA programs for beginning farmers, women and veterans in agriculture, and policy and mentorship. Presenters were from government, academia and industry. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, presented an overview of crop insurance and encouraged participants to make an informed crop insurance decision by visiting with a crop insurance agent.

NCIS Board of Directors Meeting

NCIS held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting on December 8-9. Agenda items for the winter meeting included: follow-up to approvals from the Program Development committee meeting, industry nominations to be awarded at the annual convention as well as other current issues facing the Industry.

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

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>2016 Meetings – Click Here to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).</i>		
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 10-13	Miami Beach, FL
<i>2017 Meetings</i>		
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
IN/MI/OH R/S Meeting	February 2	Ft. Wayne, IN
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
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
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	April 18-19	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting	April 19-20	Overland Park, KS
Technology & Information Processing Committee Meeting	April 25-26	Overland Park, KS
Communications & Outreach Committee Meeting	May 2-3	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	May 4	Overland Park, KS
Program Development Committee Meeting	May 23-24	Overland Park, KS
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