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Topics this week:

- Southwest R/S Committee Meeting
- Rhode Island Nursery Conference



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.



What will Punxsutawney Phil of Pennsylvania, the famous groundhog, forecast this year? Will it be six more weeks of winter? A German legend has it that if a furry rodent sees his shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early. Stay tuned tomorrow!

2016 Southwest Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The 2016 Southwest Regional/State Committee annual meeting was held in Mescalero, New Mexico, on January 28 and 29. Seventeen committee members representing ten member companies were in attendance. Speakers included Francie Tolle, Director of the Oklahoma City RMA Regional Office; Mariano Lerma, Acting Director of the RMA Southern Regional Compliance Office in Dallas, TX; Terry Cater, CED of Lea Co., NM; and Brandon Terrazas, Agricultural Program Specialist, New Mexico State FSA Office. Guest Speakers included Israel Calsoyas and Sarah Lyons from New Mexico State University who provided updates on the chile pepper research which was conducted in cooperation with NCIS. The NCIS Update was provided by Don Hutsell, committee liaison.

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Rhode Island Nursery Conference

NCIS participated as an exhibitor at the RINLA (Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association) Winter Meeting and Expo in West Kingston, RI on January 27, 2016. Over 350 growers and allied professionals from the green industry attended the conference. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, visited with interested attendees about nursery insurance and Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP). Participation in this conference is a component of the Risk Management Education and Outreach that NCIS is conducting for the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension (URI) as part of the Targeted States Program funded by RMA. The purpose of the Targeted States Program is to deliver crop insurance education and information to U.S. agricultural producers in states where there traditionally is, and continues to be, a low level of Federal crop insurance participation and availability.

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**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).		
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	Mulvane, 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	March 22-23	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Spring Meeting	April 3-6	New Orleans, LA
Underwriting and Operations Committee Meeting	April 5-6	Overland Park, KS
Technology and Processing Committee Meeting	April 13-14	Overland Park, KS
Communications and Outreach Committee Meeting	April 14-15	Washington, D.C.
MP PPLA Committee Meeting	April 19-20	Overland Park, KS
CH PPLA Committee Meeting	April 20-21	Overland Park, KS
Canadian CCHA Meeting	April 20-21	Overland Park, KS
CH A&S Committee Meeting	May	Overland Park, KS

<i>PDC Meeting</i>	May 24-25	Overland Park, KS
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	June 27-28	Offsite
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference</i>	July 19-20	Overland Park, KS
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	August 6-9	San Diego, CA
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	September 21-22	Overland Park, KS
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference</i>	November 2-3	Overland Park, KS
<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>Crop Insurance Industry Convention</i>	February 5-8	Bonita Springs, FL
<i>NAIC Spring Meeting</i>	April 8-11	Denver, CO
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	August 5-8	Philadelphia, PA
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	December 2-5	Honolulu, HA