



# What's Happening at NCIS

February 8, 2016

## Topics this week:

- IA/NE R/S Committee Meeting
- KY/TN R/S Committee Meeting
- IL/WI R/S Committee Meeting
- IN/MI/OH R/S Committee 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.



**Contrasting Winter.....**Winter Storm Mars Bringing Snow and Strong Winds to New England Monday - Blizzard Warnings Issued. San Diego is 83 degrees and sunny.

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## 2016 Iowa/Nebraska Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The Nebraska and Iowa Regional State Committees held their joint 2016 annual meeting on February 2 and 3 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Twenty five representatives from NCIS member companies were in attendance. Guest speakers included Casey Collins from the Topeka Regional Office and Duane Voy, via tele-conference from the St. Paul Regional Office of the Risk Management Agency. Lynette Gruchow provided an update on behalf of the Iowa and Nebraska FSA offices. The meeting was chaired by Brad Veenstra (Great American). Dave Hall, NCIS, provided update information to the committees on Crop Hail and MPCI policy and procedure changes for the 2016 crop year while Mark Zarnstorff, NCIS, provided an update of NCIS sponsored research activities of interest to these committees.



### ***2016 Kentucky/Tennessee Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting***

The Kentucky/Tennessee Regional/State Committee held their 2016 annual meeting February 4 in Nashville, Tennessee, led by Chairman Zach Alexander, Rain and Hail. In attendance were nineteen committee members from eight member companies, two representatives from the Risk Management Agency (RMA), and four representatives from the Kentucky and Tennessee FSA offices. Presentations included updates by Chris Lindsay, NCIS; Roddrick Bell, RMA-Jackson Regional Office; and Joseph Lacy, RMA Southern Regional Compliance Office. Charlie Fox, RCIS, provided a report on the Tobacco Subcommittee activities.

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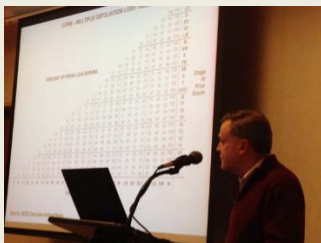
### ***2016 Illinois/Wisconsin Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting***

The 2016 Illinois/Wisconsin Regional State Committee annual Meeting was held in Springfield, Illinois, February 4. Twenty-eight representatives from NCIS member companies learned about recent policy updates from Doug Bailey and Stan Wilson, Springfield FSA; Jodie Tate, Springfield RMA RO; and Josh Engelking, Indianapolis RMA Compliance Office. Dr. Emerson Nafziger, University of Illinois Extension, presented information from recent corn and soybean research. James Houx from NCIS provided information regarding recommendations from the various Regional/State Committees for MPCl and Crop Hail; a policy and underwriting update; Crop Hail update; overview of changes to the Loss Adjustment Manual; CAPP update; anti-trust update; and a public relations update. The Committee agreed to conduct a Crop Hail school August 3-4, 2016 in Champaign, Illinois.

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### ***2016 Indiana/Michigan/Ohio Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting***

The 2016 Indiana/Michigan/Ohio Regional/State Committee annual meeting was held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on February 4. Twenty-eight committee members representing nine NCIS member companies were in attendance. Speakers included Brian Frieden, Director of the Springfield RMA Regional Office; Ronie Griffin, Director of the RMA Midwest Regional Compliance Office in Indianapolis, Indiana; Jacob Maxwell, Program Specialist from the Indiana State FSA Office. Guest Speakers, Peter Thomison, Ohio State University and Chris Long, Michigan State University provided updates on the corn second loss study and the potato hail study, respectively, conducted in cooperation with NCIS. Don Hutsell provided the NCIS Update.



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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2016 Meetings – <a href="#">Click Here</a> to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).</b>		
<b>Kansas/Oklahoma R/S Meeting</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>Mulvane, Kansas</b>
<b>Crop Insurance Industry Convention</b>	<b>February 14-17</b>	<b>Indian Wells, CA</b>
<b>Missouri R/S Meeting</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>Columbia, MO</b>
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>Indian Wells, CA</b>
<b>Arizona/California/Nevada R/S Meeting</b>	<b>February 23-24</b>	<b>Monterey, CA</b>
<b>East/Southeast R/S Meeting</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>Myrtle Beach, SC</b>
<b>Montana/Northwest R/S Meeting</b>	<b>March 1-2</b>	<b>Missoula, MT</b>
<b>Regional/State Chairman Training</b>	<b>March 22-23</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>NAIC Spring Meeting</b>	<b>April 3-6</b>	<b>New Orleans, LA</b>
<b>Underwriting and Operations Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 5-6</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Technology and Processing Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 13-14</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Communications and Outreach Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 14-15</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>
<b>MP PPLA Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 19-20</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>CH PPLA Committee Meeting</b>	<b>April 20-21</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Canadian CCHA Meeting</b>	<b>April 20-21</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>CH A&amp;S Committee Meeting</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>PDC Meeting</b>	<b>May 24-25</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>June 27-28</b>	<b>Offsite</b>
<b>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference</b>	<b>July 19-20</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>NAIC Summer Meeting</b>	<b>August 6-9</b>	<b>San Diego, CA</b>
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>September 21-22</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference</b>	<b>November 2-3</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>December 8-9</b>	<b>Offsite</b>
<b>NAIC Fall Meeting</b>	<b>December 10-13</b>	<b>Miami Beach, FL</b>
<b>2017 Meetings</b>		
<b>Crop Insurance Industry Convention</b>	<b>February 5-8</b>	<b>Bonita Springs, FL</b>
<b>NAIC Spring Meeting</b>	<b>April 8-11</b>	<b>Denver, CO</b>
<b>NAIC Summer Meeting</b>	<b>August 5-8</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b>
<b>NAIC Fall Meeting</b>	<b>December 2-5</b>	<b>Honolulu, HA</b>

