



What's Happening at NCIS

February 29, 2016

Topics this week:

- Hidden Harvest Charity
- AZ/CA/NV R/S Committee Meeting
- USDA Ag Outlook Meeting

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.



Crop Insurance Gives Back to the Community!



Each year the Crop Insurance Industry Convention collects donations for an agriculture related charity. This years' contributions will be given to Hidden Harvest, which is a produce recovery program that employs low income farm workers to “rescue” produce that is left behind in the fields and orchards after harvest.

Millions of pounds of produce are left for a variety of reasons – cosmetic blemishes, overproduction, and dwindling market price. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of produce each year are also recovered from area packing houses. This fresh and nutritious produce reaches nearly 50,000 needy people throughout Coachella Valley each month through client agencies and Hidden Harvest programs.

The 2016 Crop Insurance Convention raised over \$5,000 for Hidden Harvest. A big thank you to all those who made contributions and also to Rain and Hail LLC for their matching sponsoring contribution.



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2016 Arizona/California/Nevada Regional/State Committee Annual Meeting

The Arizona/California/Nevada Regional/State Committee met in Monterey, California on February 23 and 24. Forty-four members from nine member companies were in attendance. Mario Santoyo, member of the California Water Commission and Chair of the Latino Water Coalition, addressed the group on water supply, water projects, and the political climate in the state. Anne Lambert, Deputy Director of the Davis WRCO, provided an update on compliance. Jeff Yasui, Director, along with Jim Otto and Bob Smith, Davis Regional Office, presented an update including premium and liability amounts, trends over the past five years, program changes, and large claims reviews. Jeff Yasui also gave a brief update for FSA. Mark Flohr, committee liaison, provided the NCIS update.



NCIS Staff Attends USDA Ag Outlook Meeting

The USDA held its 92nd Agricultural Outlook meeting in Washington, DC February 25 and 26 with the theme, "Transforming Agriculture: Blending Technology and Tradition." In attendance were NCIS President, Tom Zacharias; Vice President, Laurence Crane; and Senior Economist, Harun Bulut. The forum is USDA's largest annual meeting. The forum included remarks and presentations by the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack; and the USDA Chief Economist, Robert Johansson; as well as other agricultural leaders.

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>		
<i>East/Southeast R/S Meeting</i>	<i>March 1</i>	<i>Myrtle Beach, SC</i>
<i>Montana/Northwest R/S Meeting</i>	<i>March 1-2</i>	<i>Missoula, MT</i>
<i>Regional/State Chairman Training</i>	<i>March 22-23</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>NAIC Spring Meeting</i>	<i>April 3-6</i>	<i>New Orleans, LA</i>
<i>Underwriting and Operations Committee Meeting</i>	<i>April 5-6</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>Technology and Processing Committee Meeting</i>	<i>April 13-14</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>Communications and Outreach Committee Meeting</i>	<i>April 14-15</i>	<i>Washington, D.C.</i>
<i>MP PPLA Committee Meeting</i>	<i>April 19-20</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>CH PPLA Committee Meeting</i>	<i>April 20-21</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>Canadian CCHA Meeting</i>	<i>April 20-21</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>CH A&S Committee Meeting</i>	<i>May 10</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>PDC Meeting</i>	<i>May 24-25</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>June 27-28</i>	<i>Offsite</i>
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Fall Conference</i>	<i>July 19-20</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	<i>August 6-9</i>	<i>San Diego, CA</i>
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>September 21-22</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>NCIS 2017 Train the Trainer Spring Conference</i>	<i>November 2-3</i>	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>December 8-9</i>	<i>Offsite</i>
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	<i>December 10-13</i>	<i>Miami Beach, FL</i>
<i>2017 Meetings</i>		
<i>Crop Insurance Industry Convention</i>	<i>February 5-8</i>	<i>Bonita Springs, FL</i>
<i>NAIC Spring Meeting</i>	<i>April 8-11</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>
<i>NAIC Summer Meeting</i>	<i>August 5-8</i>	<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
<i>NAIC Fall Meeting</i>	<i>December 2-5</i>	<i>Honolulu, HA</i>