



# What's Happening at NCIS

March 7, 2016

## Topics this week:

- East/Southeast R/S Committee Meeting
- MT/Northwest R/S Committee 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.



Except Arizona and Hawaii  
Begins Sunday March 13



## 2016 East/Southeast Regional/State Crop Insurance Committees Annual Meeting

The East and Southeast Regional/State Committees held their annual meeting on March 1 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Eleven companies were represented by thirty-eight attendees plus two representatives from the Raleigh and Valdosta RMA Regional Offices. Updates from Joey Brickhouse (East), Michael Smith (Southeast), David Gray (Florida sub-committee) and Crystal Hons (Northeast sub-committee) focused on challenges from the recent loss season. Amy Turner, FSA representative, presented on Acreage Crop Reporting and Streamlining Initiative (ACRSI) material and FSA. Stephan Frerichs, AgVantage, LLC, discussed the Federal Budget and data on Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) and Yield Exclusion (YE). Davina Lee, Valdosta RMA RO, and Robert Connors, Raleigh RMA Regional Office, gave updates on special provision issues and prices. Mollie Dvorak and Lynnette Dillon, NCIS, presented on the 2016 Loss Adjustment manual and Loss Adjustment Standards handbook changes, Crop Adjuster Proficiency Program (CAPP), and provided a new program integrity video to the members.



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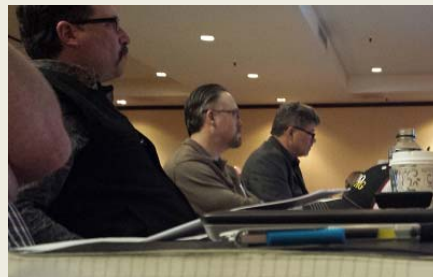
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**2016 Montana/Northwest Regional/State Crop Insurance Committees Annual Meeting**

The 2016 Montana and Northwest Regional State Crop Insurance Committees' annual meeting was held in Missoula, Montana, March 1 and 2. Thirty-seven representatives from NCIS member companies were in attendance representing ten companies along with four representatives from the Risk Management Agency and an agent association representative. The meeting was chaired by Bob McPherson (ProAg – MT) and Jim LaPointe (ProAg - NW).

Speakers included Shad Weber, Montana RMA Regional Office; Ben Thiel, Spokane RMA Regional Office; Stephen Foerstler, Western Regional Compliance Office; and Dave Paul, Watts & Associates. Mr. Weber provided statistical data for the Billings Regional Office and covered the topics of special provision statements. Ben Thiel provided statistics for his region, 2016 program filings for 2016 and possible filings for 2017 that are in the works, provided informational updates for document uploading for large claims, and Idaho ground water curtailment. Additionally, Ben made a presentation on the Whole Farm Revenue Protection plan and questions received by his office. Dave Paul provided an overview of the Malt Barley Endorsement and possible future enhancements. Dean Strasser, NCIS, provided information on recommendations from the various NCIS Regional/State Crop Insurance Committees and NCIS standing committees for MPCl and Crop Hail; a Policy and Underwriting update; Crop Hail update; Program Integrity; and NCIS organizational changes.



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

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