



# What's Happening at NCIS

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## Topics this week:

- World Farmers Harvest Gala
- Oklahoma Black Farmers Small Farm Conference



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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.*



## World Farmers Harvest Gala

World Farmers provides land, support and technical assistance in agricultural production and marketing to under-served small farmers. Dr. Laurence Crane, NCIS, and other allied professionals who provide education and training to small farmers, joined with the farmers belonging to World Farmers in their Annual Harvest Gala in Hudson, Massachusetts, November 17. World Farmers works with and supports over 250 beginning, immigrant, and refugee farmers each year through technical assistance on sustainable growing and marketing techniques. World Farmers' Executive Director and founder, Maria Moreira, was an invited guest at the NCIS Communications and Outreach Committee meeting in April, where she participated on a panel providing input to the Committee on the risk management needs of small and beginning socially disadvantaged farmers.

## Oklahoma Black Farmers Small Farm Conference

The Oklahoma Black Farmers Association held its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Farm Conference in Oklahoma City, November 18-19. NCIS helped to sponsor the conference, and Dr. Laurence Crane attended and delivered a presentation on using crop insurance to help manage risk and protect revenue to the over 100 farmers and professionals in attendance. Several USDA agencies were in attendance, including the Oklahoma City RMA Regional Office who discussed Written Agreements with the group.

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>2016 Meetings – <a href="#">Click Here</a> to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).</i>		
Board of Directors Meeting	December 8-9	Offsite
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
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