

## Topics this week:

- MPC I & CH Lentil, Safflower, Chickpea, Winter Pea/Pea & Mustard/Canola School
- CH Wheat, Corn & Soybean School/Field Day
- AgGateway Mid-Year 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.*



**The NCIS office will be closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the holiday. What's Happening will resume publication Monday, July 11.**

## 2017 MPC I & Crop-Hail Lentil, Safflower, Chickpea, Winter Pea/Pea & Mustard/Canola School

Pam Jackson, NCIS Montana Regional/State Crop Insurance Committee Chairperson, and NCIS staff liaison Dean Strasser, led the 2017 NCIS Crop-Hail and MPC I Lentils, Safflower, Chickpea, Winter Pea/Pea, & Mustard/Canola school and field day held in Moccasin, MT June 20-21. Over 85 participants attended this two-day school. Other speakers included Dr. Pat Carr, MSU Central Agricultural Research Center (CARC) Superintendent; Theresa Shrum, Plant Science Specialist, MT Dept. of Ag Pesticide Compliance and Enforcement; Grant Zerbe, eastern MT pulse grower, Jed Eberly, CARC; and seven representatives from the Billings RMA Regional Office, Professor Mary Burrows, MSU; and Shelly Mills, Valley County MT extension agent. Field work was conducted by plot leaders representing five member companies.

This year's school was highlighted by the introduction of Dr. Pat Carr participating in his first NCIS adjuster school who provided information about the focus of his research on cropping systems that incorporate rotating cool season crops with warm season crops. Theresa Shrum presented on pesticide labels that identify re-entry intervals, personal protective equipment and the four levels of toxicity of chemicals used in production agriculture. Grant Zerbe provided his top ten must do's to successfully produce chickpeas in eastern Montana. Dr. Mary Burrows focused on the pest and disease pressures and discussed how prevention of disease ties in with the current and 2018 proposed rotation requirement statements in the special provisions of insurance. The school finished with a tour of the research center trials.



### 2017 NCIS Crop-Hail Wheat, Corn and Soybean School/Field Day

Eighty loss adjusters and supervisors met at the Bradford Research Center for the NCIS Crop Hail Wheat, Corn and Soybean School held in Columbia, MO on June 21 and 22. Hands-on field and classroom loss adjuster training were provided to new and experienced loss adjusters. They learned basic crop-hail adjustment procedure, worked through simulated hail losses on test plots and received an update on recent loss adjustment changes. Guest speaker Jared Roskamp, BASF, presented on the effects of fungicide application on hail damaged crops. Many thanks to all speakers including Jim Bolles, Jim Baldwin, Phyllis Mason, Brad Guthrey, Jacob Spellman, Bill Bergh and Chairman, Jami Wells.



### NCIS Participates in 2017 AgGateway Mid-Year Meeting

NCIS Vice President, Jessica Trites Rolle, participated in the 2017 AgGateway Mid-Year Meeting in Altoona, IA, June 12-14, including leading the Data Privacy and Security Committee session. The mid-year meeting consists of a series of committee and task team meetings that provide project updates and face-to-face work time on in-process projects.

Nearly 200 attendees took part in council and committee sessions related to seed, grain and feed, specialty chemicals, crop nutrition, crop protection, data privacy, precision agriculture, allied providers, standards and guidelines, education and communications. AgGateway is a non-profit consortium of more than 180 member businesses serving the agriculture industry, with a mission to promote, enable and expand eAgriculture.

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i><a href="#">2017 Meetings - Click Here</a> to access meeting information. Registration open 4 to 6 weeks prior to date of meeting(s).</i>		
<i><a href="#">2017 Meetings</a></i>		
Board of Directors Meeting	June 26-27	Offsite
CH & MPCl Corn & Soybean School	July 11-12	Grand Island, NE
CH Corn, Soybean, Oats and MPCl Forage School	July 13	Beresford, SD
NCIS 2018 Train the Trainer Fall Conference	July 18-19	Overland Park, KS
CH New Adjuster (Corn, Soybean & Dry Bean)	July 19	Lamberton, MN
CH Corn, Soybean & Dry Bean School	July 20	Lamberton, MN
CH & MPCl Corn, Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Soybean & Sunflower School	July 26-27	Manhattan, KS
CH Potato & Field Corn, MPCl Mint & Apple School	August 2-3	Richland, WA
CH Corn & Soybean, Wheat in Classroom School	August 2-3	Champaign, IL
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 5-8	Philadelphia, PA
CH New Adjuster-Corn, Soybean, Dry Bean, Wheat/Barley School	August 7	Fargo, ND
CH Corn, Soybean, Dry Bean, Wheat/Barley School	August 8-9	Fargo, ND
MPCl & CH Potato & Malting Barley School	August 8-9	Alamosa, CO
MPCl Peanut & CH Rice School	August 8-9	Stoneville, MS

MPCI Blueberry & Grape School	August 9-10	Benton Harbor, MI
Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) Loss Adjustment Training	September 6-7	Savannah, GA
Crop-Hail A&S Committee Meeting	Fall 2017	Overland Park, KS
MPCI PPLA Committee Meeting	September 12-13	Overland Park, KS
Board of Directors Meeting	September 20-21	Overland Park, KS
Crop-Hail PPLA Committee Meeting	October 11-12	Overland Park, KS
Training & Education Committee Meeting	November 7	Overland Park, KS
NCIS 2018 Train the Trainer Spring Conference	November 8-9	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	December 2-5	Honolulu, HI
Board of Directors Meeting	December 7-8	TBD
<u>2018 Meetings</u>		
MN/ND/SD R/S Meeting	January 3-4	Morton, MN
CO/WY R/S Meeting	January 4	Denver, CO
NCIS 2018 Claims Managers' Conference	January 17-18	Overland Park, KS
Southwest R/S Meeting	January 25-26	Fredericksburg, TX
KY/TN R/S Meeting	February 1	Nashville, TN
IN/MI/OH R/S Meeting	February 1	Ft. Wayne, IN
IL/WS R/S Meeting	February 1	Springfield, IL
Crop Insurance Industry Convention	February 4-7	Scottsdale, AZ
Board of Directors Meeting	February 7	Scottsdale, AZ
MO R/S Meeting	February 6	Independence, MO
Gulf States R/S Meeting	February 8	Tunica, MS
KS/OK R/S Meeting	February 8	Mulvane, KS
IA/NE R/S Meeting	February 13-14	Council Bluffs, IA
AZ/CA/NV R/S Meeting	February 20-21	Monterey, CA
MT/NW R/S Meeting	March 6-7	Missoula, MT
East/Southeast R/S Meeting	March 6	Savannah, GA
NAIC Spring Meeting	March 24-27	Milwaukee, WI
Regional/State Chairman Training	March 27-28	Overland Park, KS
NCIS 2019 Train the Trainer Fall Conference	July 17-18	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Summer Meeting	August 4-7	Boston, MA
NCIS 2019 Train the Trainer Spring Conference	November 7-8	Overland Park, KS
NAIC Fall Meeting	November 15-18	San Francisco, CA