

Colorado CCA News



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Passing of the Torch

Kevin Miller, chairman of the CCA board since October 1999, has resigned his position effective January 15, 2002. He served on the board from 1994 to 2002 as a representative of the Agricultural Chemical Suppliers in Colorado.

Kevin said that he will miss working closely with the CCA program. He stated, "I have appreciated the

opportunity to serve CCA members and the Colorado community. I thank you for your continued support."

Jim Sharkoff has accepted the position of CCA Chairman and will replace Kevin. Jim is featured in this issue's "Meet the Colorado CCA Board" article on page 3.

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2002 Colorado ChemSweep

Due to previous success and much demand, Colorado ChemSweep, a waste pesticide collection program, is coming again in March of 2002. The registration deadline is February 22, 2002.

Colorado ChemSweep provides an opportunity for unusable pesticides to be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. The program is conducted under the "Universal Waste Rule" which allows MSE Environmental, Inc. to go to the site, properly package the waste, take possession of the waste and become the generator of the waste, thus reducing future liabilities for the program participants. The program meets all state and federal hazardous waste regulations.

The approximate cost to dispose of pesticide waste is \$2.25-2.65 per pound. A minimum of \$50.00 (approximately 20 pounds of waste) is required for MSE to make an on-site visit.

Contact Sandra McDonald at 970-491-6027, fax 970-491-3862, or email smcdonal@lamar.colostate.edu for brochures and registration materials. For more information on the Colorado ChemSweep program call the MSE Colorado ChemSweep Hotline at 1-888-AGCHEM2 (1-888-242-4362).



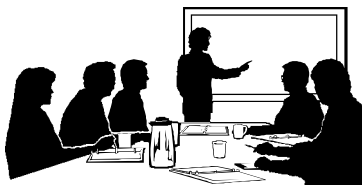
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Changes to the CCA Board



Laura Quakenbush replaces Rob Wawrzynski on the CCA board representing the Department of Agriculture. Laura is the Pesticide Registration Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture's Division of Plant Industry.

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Colorado CCA Continuing Education Units Summary

The number of Board-approved CEUs in 2001 decreased over 1997-2000, as shown below. Because of the low number of Nutrient Management CEUs in the past, please emphasize any upcoming meetings featuring NM CEUs.

If you attend meetings which you think CEUs could have been given, ask the meeting organizer to contact John Mortvedt at 970-491-5840.

Reporting period	Nutrient Management (NM)	Soil and Water Management (SW)	Pest Management (PM)	Crop Management (CM)	Total	Number of CEU Applications
1995-96	6.5	13.5	7.5	3.5	31.0	6
1996-97	43.0	46.5	37.5	32.0	159.0	46
1997-98	44.0	56.5	68.5	55.5	224.5	87
1998-99*	59.0	61.5	78.5	59.0	258.0	109
2000	52.5	93.0	77.0	88.5	311.0	97
2001	24.0	40.5	74.0	41.5	180.0	61
Total	229.0	311.5	343.5	280	1164	406

* The 1998-1999 period was 18 months, the others were 12-month periods.

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Calendar of Upcoming CEUs

Date and Location	Course Title	CEU's	For more information contact:
2/04/02 - 2/05/02 Holiday Inn Grand Junction, CO	Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training	PM 3.0	Wayne Cooley 970-249-3935
2/05/02 PCC Tele-Technology Center Cortez, CO	Commercial Pesticide Applicators Workshop	SW 0.5 PM 5.5 CM 0.5	Kenny Smith 970-565-3123 ksmith@coop.ext.colostate.edu
2/05/02 - 2/06/02 Cow Palace Motel Lamar, CO	Central Plains Irrigation Association Short Course	SW 10.5	Donna Lamm 785-462-7574
2/06/02 Ute Mountain Ute Farm & Ranch Towaoc, CO	Production Agriculture Workshop	NM 1.0 SW 1.0 PM 1.0 CM 1.0	Kenny Smith 970-565-3123 ksmith@coop.ext.colostate.edu
2/07/02 Smoky Hill Trail Restaurant Burlington, CO	Precision Ag Workshop	NM 2.0 CM 2.0	Ron Meyer 719-346-5571
2/07/02 Friendship Hall Montrose, CO	Ag. Production 2002	NM 0.5 SW 1.0 PM 2.0	Wayne Cooley 970-249-3935
2/07/02 - 2/08/02 Park Inn Denver Airport	Independent Ag. Consultants of Colorado Annual Convention	NM 1.0 PM 3.5 CM 2.0	Brian Lauritson 719-336-5657
2/08/02 CSU Cooperative Extension Office Fort Morgan, CO	Precision Ag Workshop	NM 2.0 CM 2.0	Bruce Bosley 970-522-3200 Ext. 285
2/12/02 - 2/15/02 Ski Hi Park Monte Vista, CO	SLV Potato/Grain Conference	NM 1.5 SW 2.5 PM 3.5 CM 2.5	Merlin Dillon 719-754-3494
2/25/02 Best Western Ramkota Inn Greeley, CO	Nutrient, Soil & Water Management	NM 3.5 SW 3.5 PM 0.5 CM 0.5	Dr. Bryan Hopkins 888-785-4320 bghopkins@mindspring.com
3/05/02 - 3/06/02 Double Tree Hotel Denver, CO	Great Plains Soil Fertility Conference	NM 7.0 CM 5.0	Phyllis Pates ppates@ppi-far.org
3/06/02 - 3/07/02 University Park Holiday Inn Fort Collins, CO	High Altitude Revegetation Workshop	SW 2.5 PM 2.5	Wendell Hassell 303-431-6405

Other meetings for continuing education credits will be announced in future CCA newsletters or can be found on the ICCA website at <http://www.agronomy.org/cca/cal/calendar.html>.

Upcoming CCA CEUs by Location

February 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Grand Junction	<i>5</i> Grand Junction Cortez Lamar	<i>6</i> Lamar Towaoc	<i>7</i> Burlington Montrose Denver	<i>8</i> Denver Fort Morgan	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Monte Vista	<i>13</i> Monte Vista	<i>14</i> Monte Vista	<i>15</i> Monte Vista	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Greeley	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>		

March 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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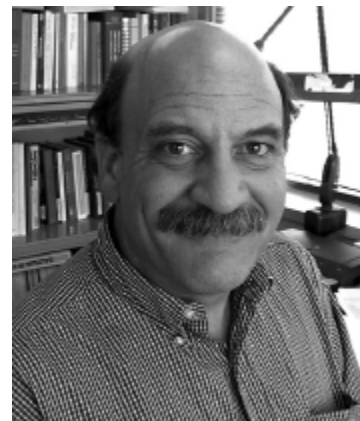
Meet the Colorado CCA Board—Jim Sharkoff

Jim Sharkoff has been a Colorado CCA since 1995, and has represented the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to the Colorado CCA Board of Certification since 1997. Jim also served as Chairman of the Colorado CCA Board from October 1998 through September 1999.

Jim originally is from Michigan and moved to Colorado with his family in 1968. He graduated from High School in Colorado Springs and started college in the Journalism Department at CSU in 1971. After two years, Jim put his college career on hold and went to work pulling soil samples, selling fertilizer, driving spreader trucks, and scouting fields for US Steel Agrichemicals at Timnath. Jim spent about ten years working for fertilizer and chemical dealers, aerial applicators, and

producers in Northeastern Colorado. In 1985, he was hired by a custom-seeding contractor from Windsor where he spent about 5 years learning the reclamation business. Meanwhile, he re-enrolled at CSU and earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agronomy.

Jim signed on with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1991. He spent two years mapping soils on the Western slope, then transferred to an agronomy position in the San Luis Valley where he spent four years demonstrating irrigation, nutrient, and pest management practices. In 1997, Jim accepted the State Conservation Agronomist's position with the NRCS (formerly the SCS) in Lakewood. Jim currently lives in Wheat Ridge and can be contacted by telephone at 720-544-2812, or by email at jim.sharkoff@co.usda.gov.



*Jim Sharkoff
CCA Board Member*

Education Level Related to Percent Passing the Exams

Education Level	% Passing
Less than High School	35%
High School	57%
Less than Bachelor Science	69%
Bachelor Science	81%
Masters	89%
PhD	89%
Modified from "Quick Facts about the CCA Program," American Society of Agronomy's Certified Crop Adviser Program Website, http://www.agronomy.org/cca/cca_faq.html .	

To find a CCA, go to the CCA Public Registry at:
http://www.agronomy.org/cca/search_cca/.

Call for Articles

Do you have an idea for a future newsletter article? Do you know of a CCA member who has received recognition and should be mentioned in a future CCA newsletter? Do you know of any websites that would be of interest to other CCAs?

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above questions or have any other ideas or comments to share, please contact Betsy Buffington at Betsy.Buffington@ColoState.edu or (970) 491-6027.

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Web Sites Worth A Look

International CCA website

<http://www.agronomy.org/cca/>

Check your CEU's by entering your certification number, look at upcoming events on the CEU calendar, take self-study exams, and much more!

Howdy Howdy Ag and Farm Search Engine

<http://www.joefarmer.com/index.htm>

Surf this database of categorized agricultural sites and pages including agribusiness, agronomy & horticulture, education, government, and more.

Ag Talk

<http://talk.newagtalk.com/>

A discussion web with separate forums, including crops, precision agriculture, machinery, and markets.

The Fertilizer Institute

<http://www.tfi.org/>

The Fertilizer Institute is the trade association representing the fertilizer industry. From manufacturers, to retailers, to brokers, traders, and transporters of commercial fertilizers, they represent companies that are, in some way, involved in making commercial fertilizers available to farmers worldwide.

Managing Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Colorado

<http://www.weedscience.org/usa/State.asp?StateID=6#Contacts>

This is a resource page to assist you in managing herbicide-resistant weeds in Colorado. From this site you can also check out the International survey of herbicide resistant weeds.

