

# Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter

January 1995

## Greetings From the Colorado CCA Board

Congratulations on becoming a Certified Crop Adviser (CCA). You have demonstrated your knowledge in this profession and have signed the Code of Ethics as a practicing professional. The most important requirement in maintaining your certification is that of continuing education. Kathryn Apley, the Chair of the Colorado CCA Training Committee, discusses this further in this newsletter. She also has listed training opportunities for you to consider. Various organizations have applied to the Colorado CCA Board for CEUs in one or more of the four categories (Soil Fertility, Soil and Water Management, Crop Production, and Integrated Pest Management). The main purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of these opportunities so that you may plan accordingly.

The Colorado CCA Board is comprised of nine members who represent various agricultural-related groups in Colorado, as shown below. Please feel free to contact any of these members if you have questions or comments about the CCA program.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone number</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Brad Austin	303-692-3572	Colorado Dept. of Health & Environment
Wayne Gustafson	970-454-3510	Rocky Mountain Plant Food & Ag Chem Assn.
Bill Gilbert	970-484-8881	Colorado Independent Crop Consultants
Travis James	303-236-2913	USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kevin Miller	970-330-7610	Fertilizer & Agricultural Chemical Suppliers
John Mortvedt	970-491-6201	Colorado State University
Roger Saffer	719-438-5346	Colorado Aerial Applicators Assn.
Dan Slinger	719-348-5396	Fertilizer & Agricultural Chemical Dealers
Mitch Yergert	303-239-4140	Colorado Dept. of Agriculture

There are three standing committees in the Colorado CCA Board. The Exam Committee is responsible for developing and testing the Colorado CCA exam. The Standards and Ethics Committee is responsible for reviewing all Colorado CCA applications and accepting those meeting the criteria of education and experience. In addition, this committee is responsible for reviewing any ethics violations of Colorado CCAs and recommending action to the State CCA Board. The Training Committee is responsible for reviewing applications by vendors seeking CEUs for training courses that they plan to give to Colorado CCAs and assigning CEUs in the proper category for appropriate courses. This committee also attempts to publicize the training courses available to Colorado CCAs.

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Members of these committees for 1995-1996 are:

Exam Committee -- Bill Gilbert, Wayne Gustafson, Frank Peairs, and Reagan Waskom, Chair.

Standards and Ethics Committee -- Brad Austin, Mitch Yergert, and Dan Slinger, Chair.

Training Committee -- Travis James, Roger Saffer, Kevin Miller, and Kathryn Apley, Chair.

The CCA program is National in scope, now involving 43 states. Over 5,000 have been certified, and this number may double during 1996. The National CCA Board has contracted with Meister Publications, Willoughby, Ohio to publish an 8-page insert in their magazine, Ag Consultant, five times per year. This tear-out insert will serve as a National CCA Newsletter. All CCAs will be included on the Ag Consultant mailing list, if they are not already receiving this magazine (No subscription cost). This Newsletter will provide information about national issues and list regional training opportunities which may be of interest.

Please encourage your colleagues to apply for this certification; it gives recognition of their professional competence as a crop adviser.

John Mortvedt, Chair, Colorado CCA Board

### Differences in certification date among Colorado CCAs

As most of you know, about two-thirds of the 110 Colorado CCAs were certified prior to July 1, 1995, with the remaining group certified after that date. The difference in certification date affects your CEU period, as was explained by Kathryn Apley, Chair of the Training Committee, in her letter of November 14, 1995.

The Colorado CCA Board has been concerned about this situation and discussed it at length at our September Board meeting. The Board directed me to write to the National CCA Board, suggesting that the date of certification be the date of receipt of an individual's application forms at the National CCA office in Madison, Wisconsin. This request was discussed at the October meeting of the National CCA Board. They decided to deny our request and to continue to base the date of certification on the date that the Chair of the State Standards and Ethics Committee approves the application. Their reason for this decision was that the current rules are generally well understood and have performed adequately for the first 6,000 CCA registrants.

Therefore, it appears that each year there could be the same discrepancy in certification date of new CCAs, depending on when the application forms are submitted, processed, and approved. New applicants (those who have recently passed both the National and State Exams) must remember to submit their application forms prior to July 1 of that year, or they will have to retake their exams.

If any CCA would like to inquire further about this situation, you could write to Steve Watts, Chair, National CCA Board, Certified Crop Adviser Program, 677 South Segoe Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.

John Mortvedt, Chair, Colorado CCA Board

## UPCOMING CEU OPPORTUNITIES

### January

**Title:** Alfalfa and Perennial Forages Management Clinic

**Sponsor:** Colorado State University Cooperative Extension

**Date:** January 3-5, 1995

**Location:** Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Adams State College, Alamosa and Grand Junction

**Contact:** (970) 491-7501

**CEU status:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Competency Area</u>	<u>CEU</u>
Growth and Development for Legumes and Grasses	Crop Prod.	2.0
Alfalfa Variety Selection	Crop Prod.	0.5
Stand Establishment	Crop Prod.	0.5
Fertility Management	Soil Fert.	0.5
Irrigation Management	Soil & Water	0.5
Harvest Methods (Hay and Silage)	Crop Prod.	0.5
Harvest Methods (Chemical Hay Treatments)	Crop Prod.	0.5
Quality Overview - Sampling and Lab Analysis	Crop Prod.	0.5
Designing and Managing Grass Legume Mixtures	Crop Prod.	1.0
Miscellaneous Legumes and Grasses	Crop Prod.	0.5
Management of Grazed Irrigated Pastures	Soil & Water	1.5
Bloat, Nitrate and Prussic Acid Poisoning	Pest Mgmt.	1.5
Management for Control of Weeds	Pest Mgmt.	1.5
Forage Diseases	Pest Mgmt.	1.0
Forage Insects	Pest Mgmt.	1.0

**Title:** Rocky Mountain Plant Food and Agriculture Chemical Association Annual Meeting

**Sponsor:** Rocky Mountain Plant Food and Agriculture Chemical Association

**Date:** January 9, 1995

**Location:** Holiday Inn East, Denver

**Contact:** Gordon Hankins, (970) 225-0396

**CEU status:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Competency Area</u>	<u>CEU</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Potato Management	Crop Prod.	1.0	Richard Zinc, CSU
Pesticide Tillage Effects on Soil/Water Mgmt.	Soil & Water	1.0	Gary Peterson, CSU
Pest Mgmt. in Dry Edible Beans	Pest Mgmt.	1.0	Howard Schwartz, CSU
Research Results - Pre-sidedress Nitrate Soil Test	Soil Fert.	1.0	Dwayne Westfall, CSU

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**Title:** Colorado Conservation Tillage Association 8th Annual Conference

**Sponsor:** Colorado Conservation Tillage Association

**Date:** January 16-17, 1995

**Location:** Northeastern Junior College, Sterling

**Contact:** Michael Petersen, (970) 330-0380

**CEU status:**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Competency Area</u>	<u>CEU</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Crop Rotations in Western So. Dakota	Crop Prod.	1.0	Clair Stymiest
Use of No-till in Corn Belt	Crop Prod.	0.5	Jim Kinsella
Soil Fertility Issues	Soil Fert.	1.0	Larry Murphy
Herbicide Trials & Usage in CRP	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Neal Hageman
CRP Strategies for take out in the '90s	Soil & Water	0.5	TBA
Sunflower Production/Economics	Crop Prod.	1.0	Rick Campbell
Spring/Winter Wheat Breeding	Crop Prod.	1.0	Joe Smith
Dryland Bean Production	Crop Prod.	0.5	Ron Meyer
Bean & Exotic Bean Production	Crop Prod.	0.5	Mark Brick
Fert. Mgmt. within Multiple Crop Rotations	Crop Prod.	0.5	Merle Vigil
Fert. Mgmt. on Long Term High Residue	Soil Fert.	0.5	Rudy Bowman
Crop Rotation Trials	Crop Prod.	0.5	Jerry Johnson
Equip. Modifications for High Residue	Soil & Water	0.5	Guy Swanson
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### February

**Title:** Independent Ag Consultants of Colorado, Annual Meeting

**Sponsor:** Independent Ag Consultants of Colorado

**Date:** February 14-15, 1995

**Location:** Univeristy Park Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, Colorado

**Contact:** Shawn Sullivan, (719) 346-9501

**CEU status:** (details in next newsletter)