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# Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter



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# **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

There are currently no upcoming Colorado CEUs available. Other meetings for continuing education credits will be announced in future CCA newsletters or can be found on the Colorado CCA website at http://www.coloradocca.org/ calendar.htm.

# **CEUs in Other States**

Remember, the Colorado CCA Board will automatically accept credits for any approved programs in adjoining states (Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Wyoming). Sign the attendance sheet along with your CCA number to get proper credit.

If you attend a meeting in a state which does not adjoin Colorado, but the meeting has received ICCA approval, you may receive the ICCA approved CEUs. If the meeting has only been approved in the state in which the meeting was held but has not received ICCA approval, you can report the hours as selfreported.

You should follow up on out-ofstate CEUs to make sure that your credit is posted in your records. If not, contact Lorene Peterson at 608-268-4955.

# **Post-Approval of CEUs**

If you attend meetings at which you think CEUs could have been earned, ask the meeting organizer to call John Mortvedt at 970-491-5840. While pre-meeting approval of CEUs is desired, the Colorado CCA Board policy is to also postapprove CEUs for eligible topics in the appropriate categories for other meetings held in Colorado.

# **CEUs for Upcoming Meetings**

If you know of upcoming meetings and feel that they should be eligible for CCA credits, you should ask the meeting provider to request a CEU Application Form and submit it to John Mortvedt for approval. The meeting provider, however, is the only one who can submit the program to be considered for approval.



Celebrate the 23rd Annual CSU Ag Day on Saturday, September 25, with food, fun, and football when Colorado State University takes on Montana State. It all happens at Hughes Stadium in Fort Collins.

Ag Day is a non-profit event hosted by Colorado agricultural organizations and associations, working with CSU's College of Agricultural Sciences and Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Ag Day proceeds furnish scholarships to Colorado State University.

Colorado agricultural growers and producers will prepare Colorado's greatest outdoor barbecue from quality Colorado food products. Enjoy Colorado agricultural activities, displays, and barbecue located in the parking lot south of Hughes Stadium prior to kickoff. Due to television coverage, kickoff time at Hughes Stadium has not yet been announced. Please watch for information about game time. Remember, Ag Day will precede the game by 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hrs.

### Alumni and Friends Roundup

After the football game, stick around for some live music, food, and drinks under the Coors tent in the Ag Day area. The Ag Alumni Chapter is sponsoring this event for College of Ag alumni & friends. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes two drinks and a sandwich. Tickets are limited. Proceeds go to the Ag Day scholarships.

## **Ticket Information**

To order tickets, complete the order form available online at: http:// www.agsci.colostate.edu/pdf/ agdayticketorderO4.pdf. To place credit-card phone orders contact the Ag Day Office at (970) 491-6497.

# **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 <u>Betsy.Buffington@ColoState.</u> edu or (970) 491-3947.

# **New International Certified Crop Adviser Phone Numbers**

For questions pertaining to Colorado CCA, please contact:

Lorene F. Peterson Certification Representative Ipeterson@agronomy.org 608-268-4955

For general inquiries about the ICCA, please contact:

Luther Smith Vice President and Executive Director of Certification Programs Ismith@agronomy.org 608-268-4977 For questions on ICCA advertising and marketing, please contact: Betsy Ahner Program Manager - Marketing bahner@agronomy.org 608-268-4950





# **Mosquito Prevention**

Mosquitoes lay up to 250 eggs at a time in still water, which will hatch in 7-10 days. If standing water is eliminated weekly, many mosquitoes will be kept from breeding in the first place, reducing the number of mosquitoes around the house. Here are some things you can do:

- Check for items that might hold water including wheelbarrows, tires, hubcaps, toys, garden equipment, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, pipes, drains, boats, canoes, recycling bins and trash.
- Remove standing water in ponds, ditches, clogged rain gutters, flower

pots, plant saucers, puddles, buckets, jars, and cans.

- Completely change water in birdbaths and wading pools weekly. Drill drainage holes in tire swings.
- Avoid mosquitoes by staying indoors at dawn and dusk when they are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors.
- Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Follow directions carefully.
- Install or repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out.



# **Meetings of Interest**

The following meetings have not been pre-approved by the Colorado CCA board. To receive credit for attending a meeting, seminar, symposia, and/ or short course that meet one or more of the ICCA performance objectives, fill out the CEU Reporting form, found online at http://www.agronomy.org/ cca/ceu\_reporting\_form.html. The number of self-reported CEUs granted per topic is related to contact time as follows:



- 30 to 45 minutes = 0.5 CEUs
- 46 to 75 minutes = 1.0 CEUs
- 76 to 105 minutes = 1.5 CEUs

Date and Location	Meeting Name	For more information contact:
8/10/04 Agricultural Research, Development, and Education Center (ARDEC) Ft. Collins, CO	Precision Ag Field Day	Raj Khosla 970-491-1920 rkhosla@lamar.colostate.edu
8/18/04 Irrigation Research Foundation Yuma, CO	Farm Show 2004	Nancy White 970-848-3043 irf@plains.net
9/2/04 Plainsman Research Center Walsh, CO	Plainsman Research Center Field Day	Kevin Larson 719-324-5643
9/9/04 Arkansas Valley Research Center Rocky Ford, CO	Arkansas Valley Research Center Field Day	Mike Bartolo 719-254-6312

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# Web Sites Worth A Look

### Colorado CCA website

http://www.coloradocca.org Calendar of upcoming CEUs, current and past CCA newsletters, links to Colorado and National sites, information on board and committee members, and much more!

### Agricola

<u>http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/</u> Bibliographic database of citations to the agricultural literature created by the National Agricultural Library and its cooperators.

### Agriculture 21

### http://www.fao.org/ag

Food and Agriculture Organization's website. Includes a news magazine plus guides and links to information on livestock, biotechnology, land/water development, crop production, plant protection, and agricultural support systems.

### Interactive CSU Water Quality Interpretation Tool

http://kiowa.colostate.edu/cwis435/ index.cfm Provides interpretations of your water

analysis test results concerning drinking, irrigation, and/or livestock water quality.

### **Mountain West IPM**

http://kiowa.colostate.edu/cwis109/ ipminfo/

A pest management information network for Colorado and Wyoming. Includes a crop production information database.

### Organic Agriculture Information

http://www.organicaginfo.org/ Contains information on production, economic data, research results, farmer anecdotes, certification information, transition strategies, as well as many other subjects related to organic agriculture.

