

Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter

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Certified Crop Adviser Exams

The first CCA exam in 1996 is being held at the Adams County Fairgrounds near Brighton. Ninety applicants have registered for the National exam and 76 applicants will take the Colorado exam. This year the Colorado exam will be "equated" with the 1995 exam. This is a process whereby the results of the two exams will be compared and the passing score of the 1996 exam will be adjusted upwards or downwards from the 1995 passing score of 70. This is being done to ensure that the degree of difficulty of the Colorado exam will be comparable from year to year. The National CCA has used this process in the National exams since its inception in 1992.

The second CCA exam in 1996 will be held Friday, August 2 at Adams State College in Alamosa. Both National and State exams will be given. This location was chosen to give better access to those in the San Luis Valley and the West Slope; however, anyone in the state may attend. The deadline for registration has not been announced, but probably will be about June 15. If you know of anyone who is interested in taking one or both exams, please encourage them to obtain an application by calling or writing the National CCA office, 677 South Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53711 (phone — 608-273-8080, fax — 608-273-2021).

John Mortvedt, Chair, Colorado CCA Board

UPCOMING CEU OPPORTUNITIES

February

Title: Safety Workshop for People who handle/transport anhydrous or ag chemicals

Sponsor: Wyoming Agri-Business Association

Date: Torrington, Wyoming, February 1, 1996; Cody, Wyoming, February 13, 1996

Location: Torrington, Citizen's Bank, Wyoming Room; Cody, Holiday Inn

Contact: Susan H. Sherman 307/742-4015

CEU status:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Competency Area</u>	<u>CEU</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
How to handle a spill & reporting req.	Pest Mgmt.	1.0	Gayland Archibald
Worker Protection Standard	Pest Mgmt.	2.0	Tom Muhlbach

Title: Irrigation Short Course & Equipment Exposition

Sponsor: Colorado State University, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, Central Plains Irrigation Association

Date: February 6-7, 1996

Location: Burlington Inn, 450 So. Lincoln Street, Burlington, CO

Contact: Ron Meyer 719/346-5571

CEU status: Pending

Title: 13th Annual Potato/Grain Conference and Agricultural Trade Fair

Sponsor:

Date: February 13-15, 1996

Location: Ski Hi Park, Monte Vista, Colorado

Contact: Merlin Dillon 719/852-0960

CEU status:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Competency Area</u>	<u>CEU</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
The Potato Blights	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Richard Zink
Russet Norkotah Selections	Crop Prod.	0.5	David Holm
Cultivar Specific Mgmt.	Crop Prod.	0.5	Robert Davidson
Cultivar Specific Mgmt.	Crop Prod.	0.5	Susie Thompson
The Value of Straw Residue in Potato	Soil & Water	0.5	Richard Sparks
Sprout Inhibitors and the Status of CIPC	Crop Prod.	0.5	Gale Kleinkopf
Potato Virus Y: Problems and Solutions	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Johnathan Whitworth
Controlling Problem Weeds in Alfalfa	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	George Beck
Alfalfa Mgmt: Varieties, Cutting Strategies	Crop Prod.	0.5	Merlin Dillon
Stem Nematode & Alfalfa Weevil	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Randy Ristau

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Managing Gophers in Alfalfa	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Bob Stewart
Groundwater Nitrate Monitoring in SLV	Soil & Water	0.5	Robert Stogner
Potato Pest Mgmt. Update	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Various
Rye Nitrogen Uptake in Lettuce/Rye	Soil Fert.	0.5	Jorge Delgado
Nitrate Leaching Assessment	Soil & Water	0.5	Jim Sharkoff
Better Weed Mgmt. in Potatoes	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Scott Nissen
Barley Expert System, Irrigation	Soil & Water	0.5	Isreal Broner
SLV Producer Recommendations for IPM	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Randy Ristau
Future of Water Quality Regulations	Soil & Water	0.5	Robert Ward
Winning the Battle Against Weeds (1)	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Richard Lee
Winning the Battle Against Weeds (2)	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Richard Lee
Success with Computer Controlled Sprinklers	Soil & Water	0.5	Monty Smith
Durum: A Wheat Growers Challenge	Crop Prod.	0.5	Paul Hickert
Update on Bacterial Black Chaff	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	William Brown
The Future of Canola in SLV	Crop Prod.	0.5	Duane Johnson

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

Sponsor: Independent Ag Consultants of Colorado

Date: February 14-15, 1996

Location: Univeristy Park Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, Colorado

Contact: Shawn Sullivan, (719) 346-9501

CEU status:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Competency Area</u>	<u>CEU</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Worker Protection Training	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Brad Walker
Accessing Weather Damaged Crops	Crop Prod.	1.0	Craig Drescher
Soil Compaction	Soil Fert.	1.0	Mike Peterson
Precision Farming	Soil Fert.	1.0	Dan Waynes
Disease Update and Bean Modeling	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Howard Schwartz
Sunflower Stem Weevil Research	Pest Mgmt.	0.5	Stan Pilcher
Sidedress Nitrogen Test	Soil Fert.	0.5	Reagan Waskom
Ag Nitrates in Colorado Water	Soil & Water	0.5	Brad Austin
Infrared Photography	Crop Prod.	0.5	Lindy Craig
Spatial Weed Distribution	Pest Mgmt.	2.0	Laurie Wiles