

# Colorado CCA News

*Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter*



## Greetings from the Colorado CCA Board

Another season is upon us and I hope you are starting to prepare for this year's challenges. If you have not completed your CEUs that will be needed for the year, there are more listed in this month's issue.

This year everyone needs to brush up on their nitrogen management skills. With the price of natural gas approaching, if not already exceeding all time highs, driving the cost of nitrogen through the

ceiling, nitrogen management will be critical to this season being a profitable one for our producer customers.

Also in this issue check out scholarship opportunities, websites of interest, and info on the 2001 Colorado ChemSweep program.

Drive safely and have a very productive spring season.

Kevin Miller  
Colorado CCA Chairman

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## Colorado CCAs featured in CCA Advantage

Colorado CCA board members, Kevin Miller and Reagan Waskom were featured in the CCA Advantage insert of the December 2000 issue of Crop Decisions Magazine.

The article discussed the challenges that face Colorado CCAs, including the diversity of agriculture in Colorado. Miller, Colorado CCA program chairman and Senior Sales Rep at Dow AgroSciences stated: "Colorado CCAs are intelligent, well-schooled individuals who are able to handle many different crops and many different markets. In my opinion, if you're a CCA in Colorado, you've accomplished something."

Waskom, Western Region Representative to the ICCA board and Water Quality Specialist at Colorado State University discussed Colorado CCAs' opportunities to write

comprehensive nutrient management plans (CNMPs). Waskom said, "The approach to CNMPs is pretty well prescribed by the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) in terms of what needs to be done. What CCAs need to bring to the table are the agronomic aspects and the nutrient management aspects and, in Colorado, a knowledge of irrigation."



Kevin Miller  
Dow AgroSciences



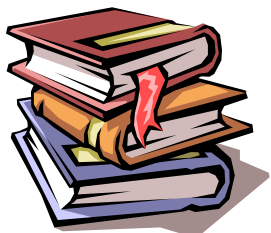
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## Self-Study Continuing Education Units

A total of 40 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are required during each two-year CCA cycle. At least five CEUs are required from each of the four categories; crop management, integrated pest management, nutrient management, and soil and water management.

All CCAs may earn up to 20 CEUs per two-year cycle as board-approved self-study articles. Self-study CEUs are available online at [www.agronomy.org/certification/cca](http://www.agronomy.org/certification/cca). You may select from over 30 articles covering each of the

four categories. Each exam is worth one CEU and costs \$12.00 to take.

Also, remember to take advantage of the self-study articles found in each issue of the Crop Decisions Magazine, which all CCAs receive. Read the article found in the CCA insert, fill out the attached exam, and mail the tear-out form along with \$10, to the American Society of Agronomy (ASA).

You may also request self-study CEUs by calling ASA member services at 608-273-8085.

## 2001 Colorado ChemSweep Program



Due to previous success and much demand, Colorado ChemSweep, a waste pesticide collection program, is coming again in April of 2001. The registration deadline is March 15th.

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.

Since 1997, approximately 69,800

pounds of waste pesticides have been collected through the Colorado ChemSweep program. In 2000, 15,833 pounds of waste pesticides were collected from 40 participants.

The approximate cost to dispose of pesticide waste is \$2.25-2.60 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](mailto:smcdonal@lamar.colostate.edu) for brochures, posters, 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).



## Colorado CCA Exam Registration Up From Previous Years

Colorado CCA may see a big jump in membership this year as 52 people signed up to take the February CCA exam. This is a significant increase from the last four years, when 20 to 30 individuals took the CCA exam each

year. The low numbers of CCA candidates in previous years kept our state roster at about 200 with a 50% pass rate and 5% loss of CCAs due to normal attrition.

## Upcoming CEU Opportunities

Date and Location	Course Title	CEU's	For more information contact:
February 6-7 Sterling, CO	Colorado Conservation Tillage Association	2.5 NM* 2.5 SW 5.0 PM 8.0 CM * Only 11.5 CEUs can be earned in concurrent sessions.	Ron Miller 970-284-6650
February 8 - Montrose, CO February 9 - Grand Junction, CO	Ag Production 2001	0.5 NM 1.0 PM 1.0 CM	Wayne Cooley 970-249-3935
February 13-15 Monte Vista, CO	SLV Potato/Grain Conference	1.5 SW 6.5 PM 3.0 CM	Merlin Dillon 719-754-3494
February 15-16 Denver, CO	Independent Agricultural Consultants of Colorado	1.5 NM 3.5 PM 2.0 CM	David Green 970-774-7206
February 22-23 Grand Junction, CO	Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training	8.0 PM	Wayne Cooley 970-249-3935
February 27-28 Fort Morgan, CO	Principles of Crop Protection	13.5 PM	Agrilience Cathleen Fingerholz 612-451-4966
March 1-2 Greeley, CO	Nutrient, Soil and Water Management Workshop	3.5 NM 2.5 SW 0.5 CM	Servi-Tech Bryan Hopkins 888-785-4320
March 21 Greeley, CO	2001 Whole Farm Nutrient Management Conference	1.5 NM	Rich Hergert 970-352-1821
Other meetings for continuing education credits will be announced in future CCA newsletters or can be found on the American Society of Agronomy CCA website at <a href="http://www.agronomy.org/cca/cal/calendar.html">http://www.agronomy.org/cca/cal/calendar.html</a> .			

## Fifty \$1,000 Scholarships Available

Fifty graduating high school seniors interested in livestock production or agronomy related studies will be selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships as part of the Farmland Feed "Careers in Agriculture" education program.

Scholarship applications including candidate qualifications are available at local cooperatives carrying Land O'Lakes Farmland feed, Croplan Genetics seed or Agrilience agronomy inputs, or by calling 800-232-3639 ext. 4584.



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## Websites 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!

### CSU Soil Fertility and Manure Management Home Page

<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/SoilCrop/extension/Soils/>

Some of the most important soils-related issues in Colorado include soil fertility, soil salinity, soil alkalinity, crop nutrient management, fertilizer use, and manure management. The CSU Cooperative Extension program in soil science serves farmers, ranchers, gardeners, homeowners, and land managers in Colorado.

### Natural Resource Conservation Service web page

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a Federal agency that works in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain our natural resources.

### CSU Water Quality Home Page

<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/SoilCrop/extension/WQ/>

CSU Cooperative Extension provides technical information, publications and training in Best Management Practices, irrigation, salinity, and water quality. State and regional water quality specialists provide unbiased, research-based information to address a variety of water issues in Colorado.

