

Colorado CCA News

Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter



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Greetings from your CCA Board!

It seems that midwinter has arrived already. By the disordered state of my Section 18 files, even here in Lakewood I know that spring is rushing towards us! The view westward from my office window today seems to be a repeating theme this winter: a solid blanket of clouds to the west stuck over the edge of the Front Range, with sunny skies and balmy weather even a few miles out onto the plains. I imagine that those of you that live to the west are busy shoveling snow again today, while those of us on the plains are wishing a bit more moisture would manage to make it our way!

This issue of your newsletter includes a 10-year summary of board-approved CEU's. The total number of CEU applications seems to be holding steady in recent years at just under 100, and I am happy to see that last year's offerings in Nutrient Management went back up to a normal level after the previous year's low!

In December I sent a letter to our regional ICCA representatives highlighting your board's opinions on three areas that are under discussion by ICCA:

1. We believe that the new ICCA policy for local board structure is too rigid and inflexible, and does not recognize the need for local boards to organize in a way that

makes sense for their area.

2. We believe strongly that post-approval of CEU's by our CCA Board should be allowed.
3. An auditor for ASA recently recommended that the basis for calculating overhead expenses for ICCA activities should be changed to include "local board" expenses. This would result in a 74% increase in the amount of funds going as "indirect cost" to ASA. We feel that more justification and explanation is needed for this proposed change.

These are the opinions of your CCA Board. We hope that our opinions reflect those of most Colorado CCA's. We would be happy to hear from any of you regarding your opinions or thoughts on these or other CCA matters.

Laura Quakenbush, Chair,
Colorado Certified Advisers Board





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) 491-3947.

Colorado CCA Continuing Education Units Summary

The number of Board-approved CEUs in 2005 increased over 2004 in Nutrient Management and Crop Management. The remaining categories were similar to 2004 as shown below.

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 for post-approval of CEUs. While pre-meeting approval of CEUs is desired, the Colorado CCA Board policy is to also post-approve CEUs for eligible topics in the appropriate categories for other meetings held in Colorado.

Reporting period	Nutrient Management (NM)	Soil and Water Management (SW)	Pest Management (PM)	Crop Management (CM)	Professional Development (PD)	Total	Number of CEU Applications
1995-1996	6.5	13.5	7.5	3.5	-	31.5	6
1996-1997	43.0	46.5	37.5	32.0	-	159.0	46
1997-1998	44.0	56.5	68.5	55.5	-	224.5	87
1998-1999	59.0	61.5	78.5	59.0	-	258.0	109
2000	52.5	93.0	77.0	88.5	-	311.0	97
2001	24.5	38.5	73.5	42.0	-	178.5	61
2002	48.0	68.5	96.5	69.0	-	282.0	96
2003	34.0	42.5	65.5	52.0	5.0	199.0	81
2004	13.5	63.5	65.0	36.0	2.0	180.0	92
2005	33.5	62.5	64.0	51.5	3.0	214.5	95
Total	358.5	546.5	633.5	489	10	2,038	770

New CEU Opportunity

The American Society of Agronomy's monthly newsletter, CSA News, has been redesigned to a news magazine format, beginning with the January issue. Each issue will carry a self-study article worth one CEU, similar to the CCA Advantage. CSA News is the members-only news magazine of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America.

For the January issue only, CSA News is available online to all CCAs. An email notice with a link was sent in early January.

However, the January issue of CCA Advantage CEU self-study course has the wrong questions attached and incorrectly lists the CEU as Crop Management when it should be Soil and Water Management. An email notice with the link to the correct information has been sent from the ICCA office to you.

If you would like a corrected copy in its entirety, please contact Betsy Buffington at 970-491-3947 or betsy.buffington@colostate.edu.



Calendar of Upcoming CEUs

Date and Location	Course Title	CEU's	For more information contact:
3/2/06-3/4/06 Island Grove Park, Greeley	Colorado Agriculture "Big and Small"	4.0 CM 1.0 NM 2.0 PD 1.0 PM 1.0 SW	Bob Hamblen 303-648-6238
3/6/06-3/7/06 DoubleTree Hotel, Denver	Great Plains Soil Fertility Conference	1.5 CM 6.5 NM	Dwayne Westfall 970-491-6149
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 .			

Note: To receive proper credit when attending meetings in adjoining states, sign the attendance sheets along with your CCA number. You should follow up on out-of-state CEUs to make sure that your records are credited. If they are not, contact Lorene Peterson of the ICCA office in Madison, WI at 608-268-4955.

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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!

CoAgMet
<http://www.coagmet.com>
The Colorado Agricultural Meteorological Network provides up-to-date ET reports and weather data from weather stations throughout Colorado.

Colorado General Assembly
<http://www.leg.state.co.us>
Information on the 2006 Legislative session including House and Senate bills, calendars, journals and resolutions, status reports, fiscal notes, and links to the Commission on Taxation.

Colorado Headlines
<http://www.colorado.gov/colorado-government/todaymenu.html>
Listing of Colorado newspapers and TV stations.

Colorado Snow Survey Program
<http://www.co.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/index.html>
The NRCS Snow Survey Program provides mountain snowpack data and streamflow forecasts for the western United States.

National Weather Service
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
Provides weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States.

Permits and Licenses Index
<http://www.colorado.gov/colorado/permits.html>
Listing of all Colorado jobs requiring a license or permit.

