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Greetings from the Colorado CCA Board

I hope that the arrival of spring finds each of you with adequate moisture and good growing conditions. This issue of the newsletter includes results of the recent 2004 CCA exams, some improvements in marketing assistance from ICCA, and information on Colorado's 2004 section 18 products.

Your advisory board is committed to finding ways to increase the value to each of you of your status as a CCA. The ICCA has taken some positive steps to increase their assistance to local organizations in marketing the value of CCA status. This includes hiring an in-house program manager of Marketing, Betsy Ahner. Ahner has already created a new brochure, which should be enclosed with this newsletter. If any of you have additional ideas on how we can assist in making sure your potential customers recognize the value in using a CCA, please contact me or any other board member.

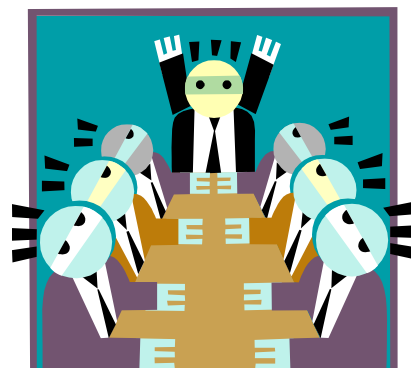
As your advisory board chair, I attended the March ICCA advisory council meeting, along with Merlin Van Deraa, the regional representative to the ICCA Board. Much of this meeting focused on discussions with a representative from USDA regarding the Technical Service Provider (TSP) program. We also arranged to have a Colorado CCA who is also a TSP (Brad Walker) attend this meeting to participate in this discussion with USDA. Seems this program still has a number of bugs that need to be worked out.

A proposal was also discussed at the ICCA meeting to create various specialties (such as nutrient

management, conservation, irrigation) to the basic CCA certification. The ICCA advisory council seems to be fairly evenly split on this issue, and no action was taken. Merlin and I both opposed it, since we feel that a Colorado CCA has already demonstrated his qualification for most the areas suggested. This is an area where we would welcome hearing the opinions of other CCA members.

I have promised to avoid using this forum as an opportunity to preach about pesticides. But since I am the one who submits section 18 requests to EPA and also am responsible for ensuring compliance with the section 18 conditions, I just can't resist one little reminder! If you recommend a section 18 pesticide product to a customer, or make your own applications as a commercial applicator, please remember each user must obtain a permit from the pesticide section of the Colorado Department of Agriculture, and each applicator must have a copy of the section 18 use directions with them during application! There, I feel better! Thanks for your patience, and have a good summer!

Laura Quakenbush, CCA Board Chair



Results of 2004 CCA Exams



Eleven individuals took the Colorado CCA exam February 6, 2004 at the Adams County Fairgrounds near Brighton, CO. The passing score was 75. 55 percent of the people who took the state exam passed.

The next exam will be held February 4, 2005. Registration must be received at ASA by December 17, 2005. Exam registration materials are available by contacting ASA at 608-273-8085 or by email at cca@agronomy.org.

Who Determines Performance Objectives? CCA's Do

Passing the state and international CCA exams is one of three qualifications necessary to become certified. The purpose of the exam is to ensure that all entering CCA's have a base knowledge of agronomic principles in the four competency areas: Soil Fertility, Soil and Water Management, Integrated Pest Management and Crop Management. The required knowledge base is described in the Performance Objectives (P.O.). A question that often arises is "Who comes up with these P.O.s and decides what a CCA should know?" The answer to that question is CCA's decide. More accurately, your state and international boards determine the content and wording of the P.O.s through much work, debate and revision. In Colorado, the exam sub-committee, with suggestions from the Board, reviews one section of the P.O.s per year. These suggested revisions are presented to the whole Board at the spring meeting. Each P.O. is voted upon after consensus is reached on content and wording. Exam questions are then written or edited to reflect the changes in P.O. wording. These questions are again voted upon by the entire Board, usually at the fall meeting.

You have the opportunity to influence this process in a couple of ways. First, you can contact any state board member and provide your suggestions for improving the P.O.s at any time. They will pass along that information to the sub-committee and it will be incorporated in the next review. The Board has also decided to conduct a mailed survey of Colorado CCA's regarding the entire P.O. document. This survey will probably be conducted in late 2004 and allow for direct input from a larger group of CCA's. The Board encourages your participation in this process.

One point on the P.O. document to remember is that individual P.O.'s should no longer be used to develop continuing education or apply for CEU's. The ICCA Board took this step to discourage continuing education that duplicates knowledge that a CCA should already have.



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.

ICCA News

CCA Brochures Available

A full-color brochure has been developed by ICCA for use as a marketing tool. The Colorado CCA board has ordered 500 copies of this brochure. You will find a copy within this newsletter. If you would like additional brochures to distribute, please contact Betsy Buffington at betsy.buffington@colostate.edu or call 970-491-3947.

New Marketing Program Manager

ICCA recently hired Betsy Ahner as Program Manager of Marketing. Ahner created the new CCA brochure and is working with the Colorado board to develop other advertising materials. To contact Ahner, call 608-273-8090, ext. 320 or email her at bahner@agronomy.org.

Crop Adviser of the Year Award

The American Farm Bureau Federation has decided not to continue co-sponsoring the Crop Adviser of the Year Award. However, the ICCA Executive

Committee has voted to continue the program and may be redesigning the application and changing the process somewhat. Look for an update on the award in future newsletters.

Newly Elected Vice Chair

Fred Vocasek, was recently elected to serve as Vice Chair of the ICCA Board. Vocasek was completing a two year term as one of three North Regional reps to the ICCA Board. He will serve a three year term. The term rotates automatically each year as the following positions:

- year 1 - Vice Chair
- year 2 - Chair
- year 3 - Past-Chair, chairs the nominating committee

Vocasek has been a member and Past Chairman of the Kansas CCA board since 1992 and has been an Advisory Council rep since 1998. Vocasek has worked for Servi-Tech Laboratories, Dodge City, Kansas, since 1983.



Colorado CCA Continuing Education Units Summary

The number of Board-approved CEUs in 2003 decreased in all categories as shown below. This followed a trend of fluctuation over the past four years.

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 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
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
Total	159.0	242.5	312.5	251.5	5.0	970.5	335

Colorado 2004 FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Exemptions



Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizes the EPA to allow States to use a pesticide for a limited time if EPA determines that emergency conditions exist. The uses are requested for a limited period of time, to address the emergency situation only.

Section 18 emergency exemptions are used when there are no other federally registered pesticides available to control a serious pest problem and there would be significant economic loss without the use of the Section 18 pesticide.

Section 18 uses are restricted for retail sale to and use only by certified applicators or persons under their

direct supervision. Pesticide applicators must have and follow the Section 18 use directions as well as the EPA-registered label at the time of application.

A permit is required from the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) in order to use a Section 18 product. There is no charge for this permit.

For more information on Section 18's and how to request an emergency exemption, go to <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/SoilCrop/extension/CEPEP/factsheets/137web.pdf> or contact Laura Quakenbush with CDA at 303-239-4147.

Colorado 2004 FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Exemptions

EPA file #	Product	*	Active Ingredient (ai)	Registrant	Site	Pest	Status	Start Date	Expiration Date
04-CO-01	API-LIFE VAR	I	thymol, eucalyptus oil, L-menthol	Bushy Mountain Bee Farm	beehive	varroa mites	approved 2/5/04	2/5/04	11/8/04
04-CO-02	ENVIRON LpH DISINFECTANT	A	three phenol disinfectants	Steris Corp.	chronic wasting disease and prion	prions	approved 3/4/04	3/4/04	2/1/07
04-CO-03	CHECKMITE+	I	coumaphos	Bayer	beehive	varroa mites	approved 2/17/04	2/17/03	2/1/05
04-CO-04	DIVIDEND	F	difenoconazole	Syngenta	corn, sweet	fungal pathogens	approved 3/15/04	3/19/04	3/19/05
04-CO-05	WARRIOR	I	lambda-cyhalothrin	Syngenta	barley	aphid, cereal leaf beetle, cutworms	approved 3/15/04	4/07/04	7/15/04
04-CO-06	EMINENT	F	tetraconazole	SIPCO	beet, sugar	cercospora leaf spot	approved 3/11/04	3/11/04	9/30/04
04-CO-07	FOLICUR	F	tebuconazole	Bayer	sunflower	red rust	approved 3/15/04	7/1/04	8/25/04
04-CO-08	REFLEX	H	fomesafen	Syngenta	dry edible beans	ALS resistant waterhemp	Approved 4/13/04	5/30/04	7/15/04

*A = antimicrobial, F=fungicide, H=herbicide, I=insecticide

Meet the Colorado CCA Board—Lanny Huston

Lanny Huston was raised on a farm northeast of Ft. Morgan. He continued to work on the family farm until the fall of 1987. He then attended MCC. It didn't take long for Lanny to realize that he wanted to be out in a field, not in a classroom. So he went to work for a fertilizer and agricultural chemical dealership in northeast Colorado. He worked many long hours there as a floater and row crop operator. Lanny eventually worked his way up into soil testing, field scouting, and sales. He stayed with this company until fall of 1995.

During this time Lanny became a volunteer firefighter for Ft Morgan fire department. His certifications included Firefighter I and Haz-mat Level III technician. He served five wonderful years on the department.

In September of 1995 Lanny's career took him to Greeley. He accepted the job as the manager for Agland Agronomy in Gilcrest. His job responsibilities range from maintaining daily activities of the plant, overseeing sales and application of fertilizer and chemicals, and crop consulting. Just a few of the crops that

he deals with are sugarbeets, corn, brew barley, many types of vegetables, wheat, and turf.

Ag related boards, committees, and memberships:

- Vice Chairman for Valley FFA Ag Advisory Board
- Colorado Hay Days board
- Instructor for farm safety program for local fire departments
- Mountain West IPM Information Network Advisory Committee
- Agricultural Insect Exam Item Writing Workgroup
- CCA board: chairman of Standards and Ethics committee
- Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association member

Lanny has always loved being outside. When he is not out scouting a field you can find him outside doing some sort of construction. Lanny recently took a new venture in life. He now has a wife. Lanny and his wife Tina were married in January of 2004.

Lanny was elected to represent the agricultural and fertilizer dealers on the CCA board.



Lanny Huston

Calendar of Upcoming CEUs

Date and Location	Course Title	CEU's	For more information contact:
6/16/04 USDA-ARS, Central Great Plains Research Center Akron, CO	Research Station Summer Field Day	1.0 SW 0.5 PM 1.0 CM	Linda Pieper 970-345-2259
8/17/04 Rocky Ford Agricultural Experiment Station Rocky Ford, CO	Drip Irrigation Workshop	5.5 SW	Troy Bauder 970-491-4923

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>.

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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!

Agriculture Law

<http://www.agriculturelaw.com/>

Dedicated to providing farmers and ranchers with the most complete source of timely information and ideas on agricultural policy.

Colorado Rural Development Council

<http://www.ruralcolorado.org/>

The dedicated voice of rural Colorado.

Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory

<http://tractortestlab.unl.edu/>

The officially designated tractor testing station for the U.S.

USDA Customer Statement

<http://customerstatement.usda.gov/>

Allows USDA customers to view participation status in various conservation programs, payments associated with commodity and conservation programs, information on farm loans, and conservation plan and land unit information.

USDA Economic Research Service

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

The economics of food, farming, natural resources, and rural America.

USDA National Disaster Assistance

<http://disaster.usda.gov/>

Provides natural disaster assistance to farmers and other rural residents and assistance for losses as a result of crop or livestock disease or pest infestation.

