

# Colorado CCA News

*Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter*



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## Feedback on Colorado CCA Performance Objectives Requested

Greetings from your CCA Board! Enclosed with this newsletter you should find a copy of the current Performance Objectives (P.O.s) for Colorado CCAs. We have also included contact information for each of the Board members in the newsletter. **We would like each of you to read through the P.O.s and provide us any feedback you may have!**

As a CCA, you already know that 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 CCAs have a base knowledge of **agronomic principles** in four areas:

- Nutrient Management,
- Soil and Water Management,
- Integrated Pest Management, and
- Crop Management.

The required knowledge base is described in the enclosed Performance Objectives (P.O.) document.

If it has been some time since you looked at this document, you may notice substantial changes. This is because the exam 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.

**Please provide us your feedback on the information contained in the current P.O.s:**

1. Is it relevant to the work you are performing as a CCA?
2. Do you think any significant areas are missing?

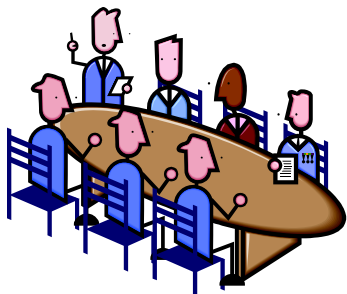
Please contact a Board member if you have any comments (I prefer emails!).

We have also been discussing whether or not it would be useful to convene a workgroup of CCAs for a more comprehensive review of this P.O. document. If you are interested in serving on this workgroup, please contact Sandra McDonald or me. Sandra has agreed to moderate the workgroup. If we don't get a group of volunteers, we will decide such a review is not needed!

Feel free to contact any member of the CCA Board regarding this or other issues. We strive to represent your interests, so communication is important.

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( ) Denotes the last year of the current appointment and which 3-year term.

## 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](mailto:Betsy.Buffington@ColoState.edu) or (970) 491-3947.

## Calendar of Upcoming CEUs

Date and Location	Course Title	CEU's	For more information contact:
12/10/04–12/11/04 Quality Inn Casper, WY	Wyoming Ag Business Association CCA Training Seminar	2.0 SW 1.0 PM 4.0 CM 1.0 PD	Rich Bayers 307-620-9700
1/05/05–1/06/05 Ramada Inn Sterling, CO	Crop Troubleshooting Clinic	1.0 NM 1.5 SW 5.0 PM 4.0 CM	Randy Buhler 970-522-3200 rbuhler@coop.ext.colostate.edu
1/11/05–1/12/05 Holiday Inn DIA Denver, CO	Rocky Mountain Agri-Business Association 53rd Annual Convention & Trade Show	2.0 NM 2.0 SW 7.0 PM 2.0 CM	Gary Leeper 303-433-4446 gary@imigroup.org
1/25/05–1/27/05 Island Grove Park Greeley, CO	Colorado Farm Show	1.0 SW 3.0 PM	Mark Sponsler 970-380-1604 msponsler@coloradocorn.com  Ron Broda 970-356-4000 ext. 3770 rbroda@co.weld.co.us
2/01/05–2/02/05 Island Grove Park Greeley, CO	High Plains No-Till Conference	1.0 NM 2.0 SW 2.0 PM 5.0 CM	Ken Andrews 307-632-8411 ccta.events@juno.com
Other meetings for continuing education credits will be announced in future CCA newsletters or can be found on the Colorado CCA website at <a href="http://www.coloradocca.org/calendar.htm">http://www.coloradocca.org/calendar.htm</a> .			

## Soybean Rust, Something New to Look For

*By Mitch Yergert, Colorado Department of Agriculture*

Are you looking for a new plant disease to become acquainted with this winter? Why not try soybean rust! After much anticipation, soybean rust finally arrived in the U.S. in November. Starting with Louisiana, scientists found the disease present in six southern states within two weeks. This marks the first detections of the disease in the continental U.S.

Soybean rust is a serious disease causing crop losses in other parts of the world. The disease is principally spread by wind-borne spores and this indicates it may eventually reach all major soybean growing areas in this country. While Colorado does not have a large number of soybean acres, dry beans are also a host.

Scientists predict that the disease will become established in the southern tier states since conditions are favorable for the fungus to overwinter. The northern

growing areas won't be as favorable for the fungus to overwinter, so those areas may be reinfected by spores that travel from the South.

Crop advisers should be on the look out for this new disease as it can be very damaging to dry bean yields. USDA has put together extensive information on the biology, identification and treatment of soybean rust. You can find it at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/soybean\\_rust/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/soybean_rust/).

Fungicide treatments are available for dry beans but treatment for soybeans will require a Section 18. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has been anticipating this need and will submit the paperwork for the Section 18 soon.



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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!

### High Plains IPM Guide

<http://www.highplainsipm.org>  
Provides current effective management options for insect and other arthropod pests, and for plant pathogens affecting all major field crops grown in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Western Nebraska.

### Recalls.gov

<http://www.recalls.gov>  
Multi-agency web site created to provide better service in alerting people to unsafe, hazardous or

defective products, including consumer goods, automobiles, boats, drugs, cosmetics, pesticides, and environmental product recalls.

### Soybean Rust

[http://www.crops.org/soybean\\_rust/](http://www.crops.org/soybean_rust/)  
The Crop Science Society of America has launched a web page that includes photos, links, and educational information stemming from the recent discovery of soybean rust in the U.S.

### StopSoybeanRust.com

<http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com>  
Provides up-to-date news and information about soybean rust.

