

# **Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter**

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## **Greetings from the Colorado CCA Board**

We welcome over 30 newly certified individuals to our group since last year. The total number of CCAs in Colorado now is 164. More applicants are also eligible for certification after passing one or both exams in August. If anyone who has been certified did not receive their billfold-size cards with their certificate number, please contact Julie Middleton (608-273-8090, ext. 310) at the National CCA office. The Colorado CCA Board membership is the same as last year, except that Jim Sharkoff has replaced Travis James representing the NRCS. Names of Board members and committee memberships will be given in the next issue of this Newsletter.

John Mortvedt, Chair

## **Welcome the New CCAs in Colorado**

We congratulate each of you on becoming a Certified Crop Adviser (CCA). You have demonstrated your knowledge in this profession and have signed the Code of Ethics. The most important requirement in maintaining your certification is that of continuing education. One of the purposes of this Newsletter is to inform you of training opportunities to consider.

## **Continuing Education Program**

The Continuing Education Program in CCA is aimed at improving our discipline by continuing our educational process as we go about our business. It also tells others that we have committed ourselves to this process during our busy professional lives. This program is very important in maintaining your certification. Everyone's cooperation will make the process of obtaining Continuing Education Units (CEUs) much easier. Any suggestions to improve the process or other communications can be given to any member of the CCA Board.

## **Results of the August 1997 CCA Exams**

All recent CCA applications have received their test scores from the National CCA office. Colorado had 13 applicants take the National CCA exam and 17 applicants take the Colorado exam. Results showed that 77% of the applicants passed the National exam and 69% passed the Colorado exam. A score of 70% was required to pass the Colorado exam.

**A Reminder to all CCAs Certified  
Between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996**

This notice is to remind each CCA to check the certification date on your certificate. If you were certified between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, your 2-year cycle for earning 40 CEUs expires on July 30, 1998! Remember that you must have at least five CEUs in each category. At least 20 CEUs must be Board-approved, while the remaining required CEUs can be Board-approved or self-directed.

**All CCAs:** If you have not sent the brown sheets for self-directed CEUs to the National CCA office, please do so as soon as possible. Check your quarterly CEU report carefully to verify that you are receiving the proper credit for all CEUs that you have earned. If you have any questions about your report, please contact Julie Middleton at the National office (608-273-8090, ext. 310). Be sure to keep records of all CEUs that you have earned, in case of an audit of your CEU record.

Included is a list of meetings and workshops that have been approved for Colorado CCA Board-approved CEUs at this time. If you know of other upcoming meetings with educational sessions, please ask the vendor (sponsor) to apply for CEUs. As a reminder, Colorado CCAs can earn CEUs for attending educational sessions given in all adjoining states, if the courses have been approved by their respective CCA Boards. A list of the steps for vendors to apply for CEUs also is included for your information. Please share this with meeting vendors, if asked.

**National CCA Newsletter**

The National CCA Newsletter is published five times per year in the magazine, Ag Consultant. All new CCAs should be placed on the mailing list for a free subscription of this magazine. I suggest that you tear out and file the 8-page inserts for future reference, if you do not keep the entire magazine.

**CA is on the Internet**

The American Society of Agronomy has an internet coordinator; Sarah Fincher has initiated a CCA web site. The internet address is: <http://www.agronomy.org/cca/>. One of the features on the CCA web site is the Electronic CEU calendar, which lists CEU activities up to one year in advance. Further information will be given in the national CCA Newsletter.

**Scheduled Educational Meetings in Colorado and Board-approved CEUs**

Soil Fertility – SF  
Soil and Water Management – SW  
Integrated Pest Management – PM  
Crop Production – CP

**November 13-14** Colorado Crop Protection Institute  
Holiday Inn-University Park, Ft. Collins  
Bert Bohmont (970-495-0688)  
(PM – 5.5 CEUs)

**January 6-8** Corn Management Clinic  
CSU, Ft. Collins  
Ron Jepsen (303-637-8117)  
(SF – 1 CEU  
SW – 1 CEU  
PM – 2.5 CEUs  
CP – 5 CEUs)  
Total 9.5 CEUs

**January 13-15** Rocky Mountain Plant Food & Ag Chemical Assn Annual  
meeting, Denver  
Jeff Riley (970-352-4750)  
(SF – 2.5 CEUs  
SW – 2 CEUs  
PM – 5 CEUs  
CP – 0.5 CEU)  
Total – 10 CEUs

**Applying for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for  
Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) in Colorado**

1. Meeting or workshop vendors (sponsors) should apply in writing to the Colorado CCA Training Committee for CEUs at least 15 days prior to the event.
2. Forms for this application are available upon request from CSU Cooperative Extension (phone 970-491-6201, fax 970-491-2758) or from the CCA Board members. Separate forms should be completed for each half-day session.
3. The completed application forms should be submitted along with a copy of the printed program, if available, giving the time of each presentation. A list of each speaker and a brief summary of the speaker's credentials also is required.
4. The Training committee will approve the appropriate number of CEUs in each competency area. The number of CEUs granted per topic is related to contact time as follows: 30-45 minutes = 0.5 CEU 46-75 minutes = 1.0 CEU, and 76-105 minutes = 1.5 CEUs.
5. Official attendance sheets for each session will be sent by the National CCA office to the meeting vendor.
6. The CCAs attending each session must sign the attendance sheets. The meeting vendor is responsible for sending the original sheets to the National CCA office, and for keeping duplicate copies in case the originals are lost in the mail.
7. If a vendor expects attendees from more than six states at a given meeting, the vendor should apply for National CEUs instead of Colorado CEUs at least 6 weeks prior to the meeting. The application should be sent to: Julie Middleton, Certified Crop Adviser Program, 677 South Segoe Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53711.