

Colorado CCA News

Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter



Greetings from the Colorado CCA Board

I hope this newsletter finds you winding down another season and having an efficient harvest with bountiful yields. Hopefully it was your recommendations in part that helped produce good yields for your clients this year.

If you know of anyone that is in need of taking the CCA exam in February please check the newsletter for details. Also check the newsletter for some new websites that I'm sure you'll want to check out.

Don't forget to start checking out the meetings you will attend to make sure you keep up with your CEU's for your current cycle. Many classes, seminars, meetings, and conventions will soon begin and run through the winter months. Make sure you get signed up.

Have a good off season and a Merry Holiday season.

CCA Chairman Kevin Miller

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Colorado CCA Member Nominated for National Award

Jerry Alldredge, extension educator in Weld county and Colorado CCA member, has been nominated by the Colorado Farm Bureau for the 2001 American Farm Bureau Federation Excellence in Crop Advising.

The American Farm Bureau Federation in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy is sponsoring the award to recognize an individual who has performed superior service for farmer clients in nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and crop production.

the Ag Chemical industry and as an Extension educator in agronomy. The Colorado Farm Bureau wrote, "We feel that Jerry is very deserving of this award because of the many years of excellence he has brought to crop advising in Colorado. We believe he is an outstanding representative of the many dedicated, ethical, and knowledgeable CCA professionals providing service to American agriculture.

The award winner will be notified in mid-October. Good Luck, Jerry!

Jerry was a driving force in getting the Colorado CCA program started in 1994. His nomination form states, "Jerry worked with his contacts at the University and the state Ag Chemicals Association to help get the CCA program off the ground in Colorado. He was one of the first CCAs in the state and has always been a strong champion of the program".

Jerry Alldredge has served Colorado producers for over 30 years by working in



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Changes to the Colorado CCA Board



Please update your address books to reflect the following changes to the Colorado CCA Board.

Jeff Riley was nominated to serve on the Colorado CCA board to represent Rocky Mountain Plant Food and Agricultural Chemicals Association for a three-year term. Jeff replaces Wayne Gustafson, who has completed his second 3-year term and is not eligible to serve a third term.

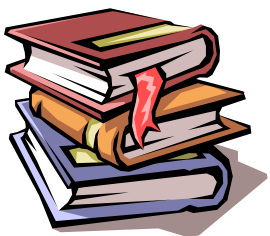
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Ron Jepson will serve a three-year term on the Colorado Board representing the Department of Health and Environment. Ron replaces Brad Austin, who has also completed his second three-year term and is not eligible to serve a third term.

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Denver, CO 80222-1530
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The board member position vacated by Kent Davis has not yet been filled. The board member nominated will represent the ICCA.

2001 CCA Exam Study Materials



The 2001 State and International CCA exams will be held on Friday, February 2, 2001. The registration deadline is Friday, December 15, 2000.

Colorado Study Guides will be available for sale for \$35 later this fall. For more information contact:

Gary Leeper
11166 Huron Street, Suite 27
Denver, CO 80234
Phone: (303) 433-4446

The ICCA provides a list of study materials at http://www.agronomy.org/cca/exam_study_materials.html.

I reviewed Agri-Growth's CCA Practice Exam-Interactive CD-ROM, one of the study items on the ICCA study list. The interactive CD-ROM has 190 sample questions to help you prepare for the ICCA exam. There are 45

Nutrient Management, 40 Soil and Water Management, 55 Integrated Pest Management, and 50 Crop Management questions on the CD-ROM.

You get 45 seconds to answer each question or the question is marked incorrect. An audio/text explanation of the correct answer for each question is available to learn more about that topic. I found the explanation of the correct answer very beneficial. A glossary of over 500 terms is also available for additional help.

The program randomly selects questions making retesting useful. A performance score is given for each of the four sections.

The CCA Practice Exam—Interactive CD-ROM is available from Agri-Growth's website for \$39.95 at: <http://www.challengedays.com/cgi-local/store/commerce.cgi?product=cca>.

Advanced CEU Input Needed



We need your input! Several CCAs have voiced the need for more advanced CEU course offerings. What topics would you like covered and in what detail?

The comments we receive from you will help

us in getting additional CEU opportunities available for you to attend.

Please send your comments to anyone on the CCA board or to Betsy Buffington at Betsy.Buffington@colostate.edu.

CSU Minor Crop Program

Colorado State University is pleased to announce the creation of the Colorado Minor Crop Pesticide Program (CMCPP). The goal of the program is to provide Colorado growers with safe, effective, and economical tools to control pests on minor crops.

To achieve this goal, the CMCPP will work with individual growers, grower organizations, nurserymen, crop protection chemical companies, agricultural scientists and extension personnel to identify new pest management strategies and pest control options. The CMCPP will also submit data for registration to the EPA and work with the Colorado Department of Agriculture and company registrants to develop labels for pesticides.

The first field season has included field residue trials in cabbage/fungicide, tart cherries/fungicide, dry beans/insecticide, dry bulb onions/insecticide and herbicide, potatoes/herbicide, and sunflowers/herbicide as well as efficacy and performance trials in cilantro/fungicide, potato/herbicide and spinach/fungicide.

Sandra McDonald serves as the Program's Field Research Director and State Liaison Representative. Clark Oman serves as the Minor Crop Pesticide Specialist and is responsible for managing the field residue trials. If you know of any pest management needs, please contact either Clark Oman at (970) 491-1910 or Sandra McDonald at (970) 491-6027.

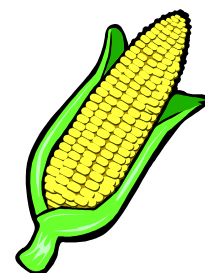


Aventis CropSciences Will Buy StarLink Corn

At the urging of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency, Aventis will purchase this year's crop of Starlink corn. This action is a prudent and responsible step to prevent the current crop of Starlink corn from being used in processed foods. These measures provide consumers with additional confidence in the integrity of the food supply by implementing a rigorous purchase and tracking program. Starlink corn is only approved for animal feed and was recently found in processed foods. This action guarantees that farmers

who planted Starlink corn are reimbursed for this year's crop.

The agreement will be implemented by USDA and EPA. Aventis, the manufacturer of Starlink corn, will immediately contact farmers with instructions on how to handle the 2000 Starlink crop. USDA will initially purchase the corn from the farmers, handle the corn to ensure that it does not enter the food supply, and then Aventis will reimburse USDA for the cost.



Upcoming CEU Opportunities

The next opportunity to gain Colorado CCA Board-approved CEUs is November 15-17, 2000 at the CAAA Annual Convention in Colorado Springs. A total of 6.5 CEUs will be given: 1 S&W and 5.5 IPM. For more information, contact Gary Leeper at (303) 433-4446.

Meeting planners for future meetings should submit their CEU applications early enough so they can be processed. Send the applications to:

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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 <http://www.agronomy.org/cca/cal/calendar.html>.



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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!

Crop Decisions Magazine/CCA Advantage

<http://www.cropdecisions.com>

Read an electronic version of the CCA Advantage and get the latest self-study test.

National Pesticide Telecommunications Network

<http://ace.orst.edu/info/nptn/>

NPTN is a searchable website that provides information and fact sheets on topics including pesticide products, pesticide poisoning, and toxicology.

Integrated Pest Management in the Western Region

<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/IPM/index.html>

Defines IPM and provides IPM success stories and examples, calendars of events, academic programs, and employment. The site is a component of the National IPM Network.

Transgenic Crops: An Introduction and Resource Guide

<http://www.colostate.edu/programs/lifesciences/TransgenicCrops/>

Information and links to other resources on the technology and issues surrounding transgenic crops. Maintained at Colorado State University.

