

Colorado Certified Crop Adviser Newsletter

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Greetings from the Colorado CCA Board

Another summer has passed and fall is here! Soon there will be more time to think about attending meetings and workshops to learn and earn CEUs. We welcome 24 newly certified individuals to our group. The total number of CCAs in Colorado is now 134. Another 19 individuals are also eligible for certification. Their paperwork was not completed by August 1, so they should receive certification later this fall. Some individuals who were certified in 1995 have stated they did not receive their billfold-size cards with certificate number. If you did not receive your card, please contact Julie Middleton (608-273-8080, ext. 310) at the National CCA office. The Colorado CCA Board membership is the same as last year; names and committee memberships will be given in the next issue of this newsletter.

John Mortvedt, Chair

Welcome 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

Continuing education is the lifeblood of any professional. Change is around us every day, especially in agriculture, but it is hard to evaluate the impact of change on our daily work. Attendance at various meetings and workshops will help. Reading technical and trade journals is a means of self education. The Continuing Education Program is aimed at improving our discipline in continuing this educational process as we go about our business. It also tells others 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 this process of obtaining Continuing Education Units (CEUs) much easier. Suggestions to improve the process or other communications can be given to any member of the CCA Board.

Included is a list of meetings, workshops and tours that have applied (or will be applying) for Colorado CCA Board-approved CEUs. If you know of other upcoming meetings which may contain 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.

Scheduled Educational Meetings in Colorado and Board-approved CEUs

(Soil Fertility - SF; Soil and Water Management - SW; Integrated Pest Management - PM; and Crop Production - CP)

October 3 and 4 Manure Management Tours, Yuma (Oct 3) and Greeley (Oct 4)

Jessica Davis (970-491-6201)

(SF - 2 CEUs, SW - 1 CEU)

November 7-8 Crop Protection Institute, Holiday Inn-University Park, Ft. Collins

Bert Bohmont (970-495-0688)

(PM - 4 CEUs)

December CSU Coop. Ext. Integrated Crop Management Workshops,

(970-491-6201)

(3 CEUs each in SF, SW, PM, and CP)

Sites:

Dec. 9-10 Montrose

Dec. 12-13 Pueblo

Dec. 16-17 Ft. Collins

January 7-9 Rocky Mountain Plant Food & Ag Chemical Assn. annual meeting, Denver

Jeff Riley (970-352-4750)

(CEUs not yet applied for)

January 14 -17 Wheat Management Clinic, CSU, Fort Collins

Ron Jepsen (303-637-8117)

(SF - 1 CEU, SW - 1 CEU, PM - 5 CEUs, CP - 8.5 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 speakers' 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

Results of the August 1996 CCA exams

By now, all CCA applicants should have received their test scores from the National CCA office. If you know of anyone who has not received notification, ask them to call the National CCA office (number given earlier). Colorado had 24 applicants take the National CCA exam and 25 applicants take the Colorado exam. At this time we don't know how the Colorado applicants fared on the National exam, but 48% of those applicants passed the Colorado exam. The passing score was 70%, the same as for the two previous Colorado exams.

A Reminder to all CCAs Certified Prior to July 1, 1995

This notice is to remind each CCA to check the certification date on your certificate. If you were certified prior to July 1, 1995, your 2-year cycle for earning 40 CEUs expires on June 30, 1997! Remember that you must have at least five CEUs in each category. At least 20 CEUs must be Board-approved CEUs, while the remaining CEUs can be Board-approved or self-directed.

All CCAs If you have not sent the brown sheets for self-directed CEUs or the green sheets for Board-approved CEUs prior to March 1, 1996 to the National CCA office, please do so as soon as possible. All Board-approved CEUs earned after March 1, 1996 should have been registered at the National CCA office if you signed an official attendance sheet at a meeting. Check your quarterly CEU report carefully to verify that you are receiving the proper credit. If you have any questions about your report, please contact Julie Middleton at the National office (phone number is on page 1 of this newsletter).

National CCA Newsletter

The National CCA Newsletter is published in the magazine, Ag Consultant, five times per year. The next newsletter will be published in the November issue. All new CCAs should soon 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 use, if you don't keep the entire magazine.

CCA is on the Internet

The American Society of Agronomy now has an internet Coordinator; Sarah Fincher has initiated a CCA web site. You can access this web site by the following address: <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.

Proposed State Management Plans for Five Herbicides

Most of you have heard of the proposed EPA rule concerning establishment of State Management Plans (SMPs) for the use of alachlor, atrazine, cyanazine, metolachlor and simazine. As proposed in the Federal Register on June 26, 1996, SMPs would be required for their use at some point in the future. These herbicides were selected because of their potential to adversely affect groundwater quality. These herbicides have substantial use in Colorado, so there is considerable interest in this proposed regulation. Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment on this proposed rule prior to October 24, 1996. Written comments, bearing the docket control number "OPP-36190", can be sent to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20640. Their fax number is 703-305-5558.

Colorado Certified Crop Advisers

The following are those who have been certified in Colorado to date. Several have moved from Colorado, but have not yet transferred their certification.

Ronald R. Akey	Fort Collins	Thaddeus Gourd	Aurora	Kenneth D. Rodenbeck	Keenesburg
Ralph T. Anders	Lucerne	Ronald D. Graff	Orchard	Manual A. Rosales I.	Akron
Kathryn L. Apley	Nevada, IA	David F. Green	Haxtun	Claude G. Ross	Loveland
Jerry R. Archuleta	Cortez	J. Wayne Gustafson	Eaton	Glen D. Ross	Fort Lupton
Anthony W. Arnhold	Trinidad	David K. Gylling	La Jara	Larry W. Rossman	Fort Morgan
Richard N. Arnold	Farmington, NM	Gordon S. Hankins	Fort Collins	Delmar J. Rouse	Burlington
Eugene H. Backhaus	Aurora	Douglas R. Heatwole	Garden City, KS	Steve Sackett	Cope
Ronald L. Bakel	Loveland	Stuart W. Heermans	Flagler	Ronald A. Schierer	Arvada
Gary E. Barkey	Akron	David P. Heisey	Burlington	Larry D. Schild	Fort Collins
Thomas G. Biel	Center	Charles Holcomb	Grand Junction	Larry R. Schneider	Yuma
Byron A. Blekeberg	Yakima, WA	Holly L. Horner	Sterling	Ed L. Seavey	Yuma
D. Bruce Bosley	Brush	Travis A. James	Pine	Douglas V. Seemann	Walsh
Steven L. Brand	Fort Collins	Ron F. Jepson	Thornton	James L. Sharkoff	Alamosa
Raymond V. Bremer	Wheatland, WY	Glenn T. Johnson	Scottsbluff, NE	Michael Shay	Loveland
Mark Brinkman	Windsor	Dale E. Kandt	Walsh	Dannie L. Slinger	Stratton
Thomas E. Brooks	Fort Collins	Lawrence M. Kawanabe	Alamosa	Gary W. Smith	Montrose
Randy J. Buhler	Sterling	Ty K. Kieldgaard	Wiggins	Richard T. Sparks	Monte Vista
Richard K. Butcher	Fort Collins	Ruthanne D. Koch	Arriba	William D. Stahley	Wiggins
Richard L. Byers	Eckley	John F. Koke	Eaton	Larry D. Stark	Cheyenne Wells
Gary A. Campfield	Wray	Michael A. Krull	Sterling	Gaylord B. Stencil	Wiggins
Timothy J. Carney	Fort Collins	Timm L. Kuehl	Haxton	William G. Stephens	Greeley
John P. Case	Roggen	William F. Kuentler	Fort Collins	Wayne W. Stewart	Eaton
Dana K. Christensen	Fort Collins	Darrell W. Langford	Orchard	James R. Stewart	Wiley
James T. Comer	Greeley	Robert B. Larson	Cheyenne Wells	Dean R. Stindt	Norwood
Karen L. Conrad	McClave	Brian E. Lauritsen	Lamar	Shawn R. Sullivan	Burlington
Larry R. Crites	Wray	David Long	Fort Morgan	Rodney T. Terrell	Yuma
Scott O. Cunningham	Yuma	Andrew Martinez	Fort Collins	John D. Turner	Goodland, KS
Bill S. Curran	Greeley	Darrel W. Mertens	Sterling	John E. Turvey	Eckley
Shawn D. Dalton	Holyoke	Jeffrey Milburn	Fort Morgan	Jerry A. Uhrig	Lucerne
Jim T. Daniel	Johnstown	David A. Miller	Manzanola	Merlin A. Van Deraa	Yuma
Dennis F. Davidson	Silt	Kevin W. Miller	Greeley	Tommie Van Thomas	Wiggins
D. Kent Davis	Johnstown	Ronald D. Miller	Kersey	Jack S. Villines	Yuma
John W. Drake	South Fork	Raymond P. Mowery	Pierce	Bradley J. Walker	Lamar
Larry D. Duell	Greeley	William F. Moyer	Wray	Allen Walter	Brush
Bradley R. Dunbar	Holyoke	John E. Murray	Olathe	Reagan Waskom	Fort Collins
Anthony Duran	Henderson	Jeffrey Nitsch	Burlington	Fred L. Wedel	Burlington
Edward V. Emmerling	Genoa	Ronald L. Osborne	Longmont	Michael T. Wens	Monte Vista
Lyle K. Fagala	Longmont	Gilbert A. Perry	Otis	Dwayne G. Westfall	Fort Collins
Michael A. Ferrari	Yuma	John M. Person	Loveland	Daniel W. Wiens	Fort Morgan
Gus M. Foster	Fort Collins	Gary A. Peterson	Fort Collins	Greg L. Winter	Eaton
Ted E. Fye	Stratton	Gary L. Ray	Sterling	Lawrence R. Worker	Center
R. Gene Gilbert	Littleton	James T. Redmond	Meeker	Randy L. Wuehler	Fort Collins
William A. Gilbert	Fort Collins	Donald W. Richins	Yuma	Richard G. Yearous	Wray
Leon C. Gillespie	Broadwater, NE	Tim L. Ridnour	Gilcrest	Robert L. Yergert	Denver
Bart R. Ginther	Fort Morgan	Jeff B. Riley	Greeley	Ken D. Zimmerhanzel	Winnemucca, NV