Illinois CCA News - June 2018

Specialty Exam?? Know a good CCA Candidate?

Exam registration for the August 3, 2018 CCA Exams is open and due by June 22, 2018. If you are interested in taking the 4R, Sustainability or Resistance Management Specialty Exams, registration also must be completed by June 22. Go to the International CCA website to register and for more information: https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/exams

Meeting opportunities abound this summer!

If the rain opens up your schedule for next week, consider attending the 4R Summit in Des Moines, Iowa. 4R Nutrient Stewardship Summit JUNE 11 - 12, 2018 | DES MOINES, IOWA The annual 4R Summit, sponsored by The Fertilizer Institute, will be held in Des Moines, Iowa on June 11-12 to share effective nutrient stewardship tenets and practices. Attendees will hear from speakers about advances and tools for in-field implementation of the 4R principles, linkages between 4R and on-farm conservation, agribusiness involvement, government- and non-governmental organization-supported initiatives, and details on projects funded through the 4R Research Fund. The agenda will feature concurrent breakout sessions, offering participants a choice of speakers and topics. https://www.tfi.org/conferences/4r-summit#welcome

Illinois Ag Groups Partner for Southern Illinois Field Day

The Illinois Farm Bureau, together with the Illinois Nutrient Research & Education Council (NREC) and Southern Illinois University Carbondale, will host a field day June 12 to showcase research efforts ongoing at Southern Illinois University, as well as cover crops and conservation practices. The field day will be held at Southern Illinois University Farms and will cover topics including integrating wheat as a cover crop for nitrogen management in corn, impacts of cover crops and saturated buffers on water quality, grazing cattle on cover crop fields, the impact of seedling diseases and cover crop use in integrated weed management. Learn more here.

Statewide Risk Management Conference June 19

Participants from across the state interested in Sustainability and Weather will join members of the Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership for a Risk Management Conference, June 19 in Normal, Ill. The CCA program is helping sponsor this event and is involved in the Partnership. Listen to farmers and industry experts (including Illinois CCAs Travis Deppe, Andy Knepp, Kris Reynolds, Ryan White and Dan Schaefer) talk about how

weather production resiliency, economics, risk management and sustainability can be managed through soil health and water management. Breakfast and lunch will be available, along with an afternoon on-farm research tour. The conference costs $15. Learn more and register here.

U of I Weed science field tour

The University of Illinois annual weed science field tour will be held June 27 at the Crop Sciences Research and Education Center (South Farm), south of the Urbana campus on Wright Street extended. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Participants will car pool to the fields and join an informal, guided tour. The tour will provide an opportunity to review research plots and interact with weed science faculty, staff and graduate students. Participants can compare their favorite corn and soybean herbicide programs to other commercial programs and get an early look at a few new products. The tour will conclude around noon with a catered lunch at the Seed House. Cost for the weed science field tour is $10, which helps defray the expenses of the field tour book, refreshments and lunch. Preregistration is not required except for large groups. If you have any questions about the weed science field research tour, call Charlie Mitsdarfer at 217-621-7717 or Aaron Hager at 217-621-8963.

Sustainable Agronomy Conference--June 26-27, 2018

Join us this summer in Madison, Wisconsin to enhance your existing knowledge base and expand your resources. Continue to learn the drivers, economics, agronomics, environmental benefits, and implementation techniques of sustainable crop production. To learn more and register, please visit the Sustainable Agronomy Conference website. *1.5 Days of Sessions, Meals, Networking Reception, and 13.0 CEUs!

SIU Belleville Field Day Scheduled for July 12

Rain or shine, the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Belleville Field Day will be held July 12 at the Belleville Research Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program will conclude with lunch at noon. Topics include optimizing wheat double-crop in rotation, cover crops and integrated marestail management, soybean cyst nematode management, insect pest management, the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and a biofuels update. For more information, contact Ronald Krausz at 618-566-4761. Continuing education units may be available.

U of I Agronomy Day 2018

A tradition for 61 years, Agronomy Day will be hosted by the University of Illinois Aug. 16. Agronomy Day will be held at the South First Street Facility, 4202 S. First St., Savoy. Based on feedback from previous attendees, a new tour layout will include multiple tents surrounding the main exhibitors' tent, with a unique sequence of speakers in each tent. Presenters will be grouped by themes for earning certified crop adviser credits. "One of the tours was set up that way last year, and we got a lot of positive feedback," says Bob Dunker, agronomist and former superintendent of the Crop Sciences Research and Education Center and chairman for Agronomy Day. "Start times will be staggered for each tent, allowing attendees time to move from one tour to another, if desired. It will mean a lot less walking for everyone, and more time to interact with research scientists and

exhibitors." This year's keynote speaker is Chris Harbourt, an engineer and entrepreneur with over 20 years of experience in agriculture, technology, business and academia. Harbourt co-founded Agrible and is currently a managing partner with Hatch Ag Group and an adjunct professor in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. He will share his vision of the future of crop production and agronomic services. More information and registration can be found on the Agronomy Day website, or by contacting Sue Overmyer at 217-300-3702 or overmyer@illinois.edu.

Checking your CEUs just got easier - you asked for it and they have now updated the CEU App!!

As of late last month, the new CEU statement is available as a link on our CCA App and is a mobile friendly version of the statement! When you log into the app, there is a button to check your CEU Statement. Remember when you use the app, your CEUs appear within 24 hours. If you sign in at a meeting you have to wait for the meeting provider to submit the sign-in sheets and then for staff in Madison to hand enter the CEUs. The App is much faster and more convenient for everyone! MARK DECEMBER 11-12 on your calendar for the 2018 CCA Conference and Ag Masters! We hope to see you in Springfield!

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