

CCA of the YEAR! Farm Progress Show and More CEU Events

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CCA of Year Application Is Open NOW!



NOMINATE A CCA NOW!

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Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB®) and the Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Board are pleased to announce this year's Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Award (CCA Award).

This award recognizes an individual who has performed superior service for their farmer customers in nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and crop production. The CCA Award is designed to recognize a crop adviser who is highly innovative, delivers exceptional customer service, and is a leader in their field. To be considered, CCAs must be certified in Illinois.

Nominations may be submitted by a County Farm Bureau (CFB), an active Farm Bureau member, **or the employer of the CCA who has knowledge of the CCA's qualifications**. You may resubmit a past candidate who has not previously won the award. Work with the local CFB where your nominee works to make sure the CFB is aware of the nomination.

Nominations must be submitted online by 4:00pm on **Monday, September 11th**.
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CCA at the Farm Progress Show next week - IFCA 4R Field Day 9/7

The Illinois CCA Program is grateful to once again be joining the IL Soybean Association and Illinois Corn Growers in their booth #605 at the Farm Progress Show August 29-31.

ISA and IL Corn will be exhibiting how Illinois farmers' checkoff dollars are "Fueling Progress" for Illinois agriculture. In the co-branded booth, attendees will find games and activities for kids, hands-on learning experiences, and opportunities to see how ISA and IL Corn are working to make the most of checkoff dollars while creating increased opportunities and returns for Illinois farmers.

If you are going to be at the show, stop by the CCA Booth - **if you have some extra time and would be willing to spend an hour manning the booth, we would love for you to represent the CCA Program and help us talk to the farmers who come through**, contact Lisa at 815-674-6644 or lisa@illinoiscca.org to sign up for a time slot!

IFCA and the 4R Field Day Alliance would like to extend an invitation to their upcoming field day on September 7th, 2023, at Eric Miller's farm, 859 E. 300 North Road in Hammond, IL. The event begins at 8:30am and ends with lunch from Jo's Country Diner at 12:30pm. This farm site hosts several research projects in conjunction with multiple UI researchers, studying many of the agricultural practices highlighted in the Illinois Nutrient Loss reduction Strategy. If you are interested in attending, please email Jason Solberg at jason@ifca.com so they have a count for lunch by August 28th.

Another Free Lunch and more CEUs at the Dave Olson Farm

Join the Illinois Soybean Association Agronomy team on September 8th from 9 AM to 12 PM at Olson Farms (**11342 E 4000 N Rd, Hoopston, IL. 60942**). At this Field Talk, farmers will learn about cover crop and nitrogen management. Olson and a line-up of expert speakers will explain the 1st year of a multiyear on-farm research plot pertaining to legume cover crop after wheat and nitrogen management. The study aims to assess the cost, return on investment, and average yield of this multiyear legume cover crop and nitrogen management strategy.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided and CCA credits will be available. The first 50 registrants receive a free Illinois Soybean Association bag chair.

Go to <https://www.ilsoyadvisor.com/events/field-day-events/> to register.

Other Upcoming Dates to Remember

2023 Illinois CCA Conference
Dec. 14 - Champaign

IL CCA Exam training
January 12 - IL Soybean Association Office, Bloomington

You are invited to attend the Ag Lab Testing Association summer meeting

On August 28th and 29th the Agricultural Laboratory Testing Association (ALTA) will be hosting their summer meeting at the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) building in Bloomington. The meeting will highlight speakers from ISA, Collin Cisco, ISA Public Policy Manager, and Stacy Zuber, ISA Research Data Scientist, will be both be presenting. As well as several other speakers from across the US.

This meeting is a great opportunity for growers/ag industry to learn about soil testing and mingle with soil fertility experts. CCA CEU credits will be offered: 3.5 Nutrient Management, 1 Professional Development, and 0.5 Soil & Water Management.

CCA can register or learn more at: [MEETINGS-EVENTS \(alta.ag\)](https://www.illinoiscca.org/MEETINGS-EVENTS)

Limestone Testing Results Available

Agronomy, crop, soils, and fertilizer experts as well as farmers know that aglime builds and maintains long-term soil productivity making modern agriculture sustainable. As a cost saving measure, the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers work together to publish the Illinois Voluntary Limestone Program Producer Information booklet detailing the latest testing results for aglime available from various sources in Illinois and surrounding states. The booklet will soon be available for download on the Department's website at:

<https://agr.illinois.gov/about/limestone-booklet.html>

With this information at hand you can make the best possible decisions for proper use of aglime protecting the environment, increasing the effectiveness of some fertilizers and herbicides while enhancing crop profit potential. As a value-added benefit to your members in Illinois and surrounding states, please consider distributing this link or the booklet ensuring they have this important information available for the upcoming season.

Additional information about the benefits of using aglime can be found on the IAAP's website here: www.iaap-aggregates.org/agricultural-lime.html

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