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

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Congratulations Jason and Terry - IL Soy Advisor Award Winners!

Last Week at the Illinois Soybean Association Impact Awards, Jason Carr was awarded the 2024 Soybean Master Adviser award, created to recognize one outstanding CCA each year for their passion for soybean management, and Terry Wyciskalla was awarded the Dave Rahe Excellence in Soils Consulting award.

As Soybean Technical Product Manager with Bayer Crop Science, Carr evaluates new soybean germplasm and assists independent licensees with identifying varieties that meet the individual needs of customers. As a previous Technology Development Representative, he led agronomic research projects with corn and soybeans which focused on creating tailored solutions for growers. In that role, Carr was responsible for generating data across multiple seasons to help farmers understand the risks and benefits of planting soybeans earlier than historically accepted.

Wyciskalla is the owner-operator of Wyciskalla Consulting, LLC., specializing in soil sampling, nutrient management, precision ag management, and soil management. Wyciskalla started his first soil sampling program part-time in 1994. In 1995, he returned to SIUC and worked as a soil fertility researcher for ten years and then transitioned into a teaching role for the next six years, covering a broad spectrum of soils, crops, and agriculture related courses. In the summer of 2011 Wyciskalla left SIUC and began devoting all his time to crop consulting as his business continued to grow. Today, Wyciskalla's business serves a 15-county region with approximately 150 clients and 100,000 acres.

Applications for the next Soil Health Leadership Program close TOMORROW

CCAs will be in demand more and more for conservation practices!
Please consider becoming a Soil Health Leader!

ISAP's Soil Health Leadership Program - Apply TODAY! Applications close TOMORROW May 31!

Farmers, advisors and conservation professionals looking to sharpen their skills and further Illinois' stewardship practices are encouraged to apply for the Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership's (ISAP) Soil

Health Leadership Program. The program, which brings together diverse participants working together to improve agricultural environmental stewardship, is now looking to fill its sixth graduating class. Interested applicants should fill out the necessary application by May 31, 2024.
Visit ilsustainableag.org/shlp for more information.

Certified Crop Advisers not involved in Societies Annual Meeting Event

Dear Illinois CCAs:

Please see the attached letter from the International CCA Executive Committee in response to recent social media posts from a social gathering that took place during an evening event at the Agronomy, Crop, and Soil Science Societies (Tri-Societies) Annual Meeting last week in St. Louis.

The event WAS NOT sponsored, funded, or planned by anyone involved with the International CCA Program. It was an event coordinated by a group of people attending the conference. The Tri-Societies are a large organization with a broadly diverse population of membership. CCA is part of that diversity but again, DID NOT, have anything at all to do with this event.

Key messages:

*ASA or CCA were not involved with the planning of the event or the event itself in any way.

*No CCA money was used to support the event.

Illinois CCA is a professional organization of agronomists and we are proud of the positive rhetoric that has surrounded the Illinois CCA Program for over 30 years. Illinois CCA is a highly respected, professionally known organization among commodity organizations, their grower members, companies who employ agronomists and environmental organizations in Illinois. We look forward to continuing to work with these organizations and welcome all input from our CCAs on future projects to work on to continue to improve Illinois Agriculture.

Best Regards,

IL CCA Executive Board and Brian Marcinkiewicz, IL CCA Chairman

Work with someone who needs a better understanding of Applied

Agronomy? Registration open for 2024 CCA Study Session

Know someone who could stand to brush up on their Agronomy knowledge or who might be a good candidate to become a CCA?

There are a few spaces remaining to attend the one day in person CCA prep course on Jan. 12 at the Illinois Soybean Association in Bloomington. The four main performance objective areas - Nutrient Management, Soil and Water Management, Pest Management and Crop Management will be covered. Registrants will be asked to pay a $25 fee at the door to help cover expenses. Students are welcome to attend for free or a donation. The registration form is **HERE**.

****inclement weather is predicted. if you do not pre-register, check with Lisa at 815-674-6644 by Thursday afternoon before showing up on Friday to make sure the event is still being held.**

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