

CCA-Wisconsin Board

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CROP ADVISER**

THAT'S SOUND ADVICE

American Society of Agronomy

Offers and Administers the CCA Program

- Established in 1907
- Primary goal: To enhance conservation and promote the wise use of natural resources for the production of food, feed, and fiber crops, while maintaining or improving the environment.
- Certification is the benchmark of professionalism. The purpose of a certification program is to protect the public and the profession.



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Certified Crop Advisers (CCA)

- Non-partisan
- Based on Ethics
- Professional Accreditation
- Recommendation/Referral driven

History:

- 30th Anniversary of the CCA Program
- Established in 1992 by American Society of Agronomy (ASA)
- Testing began in 1993
- Professional Designation
- Benchmark for Agronomy Professionals



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Today:

- Largest voluntary, agriculturally-oriented certification program in North America!
- 13,000+ participants
- Students
- Agronomy Practitioners
- Employers
- Producers
- Farmer Demand
- Consumer Demand
- Government Mandates (positioned to implement)



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Made up of:

CCA's

NRCS

DNR

DATCP

UW-Extension



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Becoming a CCA: Certification



1. Pass two comprehensive exams (International and Local Board)

2. Meet the experience requirements

two years of experience with at least a Bachelor of Science Degree in an agronomy related field

three years of experience with an Associates Degree in an agronomy related field

four years of experience with no degree

3. Apply for the CCA Credential

Document education and crop advising experience (Including transcripts and supporting references)

Sign and agree to uphold the CCA Code of Ethics (Included in application)

4. Once Certified: Earn 40 Continuing Education Units every 2 years and pay membership fees each year

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Questions?



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