



2011 Ohio Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award *(Winner to be nominated for ICCA of the Year Award)*

The Ohio Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Program is sponsoring one state award titled “Ohio Certified Crop Adviser of the Year”. The award program is designed to recognize an individual who is highly motivated, delivers exceptional customer service for farmer clients in nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management and crop production, and has contributed substantially to the exchange of ideas and the transfer of agronomic knowledge within the agricultural industry in Ohio.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to increase the awareness that both farmers and their service people strive to do their best in making cropping decisions that are economically and environmentally sound. A CCA must meet the standards set by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) and maintain the certification through continuing education. They also sign a code of ethics pledging to do their best and operate in the best interests of their client. Together, a farmer and a CCA, make a team that is working to manage an economically viable business while practicing responsible stewardship. This is a win/win approach for both farmers and CCAs.

Eligibility

1. Nominee must hold a current Ohio CCA certification and be in good standing.
2. Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided in the nomination, and for the finalists from participation in an interview.
3. Individual must be nominated.
4. Resubmittal of previous nominations acceptable as long as they are on current (2011) nomination form.
5. Former recipients of the Ohio Excellence in Crop Advising Award are not eligible

Nomination Process

6. The Ohio CCA Board will notify the farm press, County Farm Bureaus, County OSU Extension offices and County Soil & Water Conservation Districts of the request for nominations.
 - A. Nominators are to submit nominations to the Ohio CCA Board by **December 1, 2011**.
 - B. Selection Committee (made up of a commodity board grower member, an Ohio CCA board member and an industry representative) to review the nominations and select the top five candidates.
 - C. The top five candidates will be asked to participate in an interview conference call, of up to 30 minutes. The selection committee will then select the winner.
 - D. The state winner and nominator are notified. (February).

Recognition

6. The Ohio Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award will be presented at the 2012 Conservation Tillage Conference on March 6th in Ada, Ohio. The state award includes a plaque, recognition in industry publications, and a \$1500 cash award from the agronomic industry.

Nomination forms due December 1, 2011 to Ohio CCA Board c/o Ohio AgriBusiness Association, 5151 Reed Rd. Suite 200-A, Columbus, Ohio 43220-2598, Email: Info@OABA.net



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Nomination Form

Nominee _____ CCA Certification Number _____

Employer (name or if independent) _____

Position _____ Years of crop advising experience _____

Address _____

City _____ State OH Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Nominated by _____

Relationship: grower peer employer

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

1) How many years have you known the nominee? _____

2) What duties does the CCA provide for you?

- Nutrient management plans
- Weed management recommendations
- Soil sampling
- Scouting
- Seed recommendations
- Variable rate planning
- Harvest data management
- Other _____

3) Does the nominee provide you with assistance on understanding the newest technology in agriculture?

Yes No

4) Does the nominee attend professional meetings that discuss topics of interest to your operation?

Yes No

How well does the CCA share that information with you or your customers?

Scale 1-5, with 1 a low and 5 high (Please circle) 1 2 3 4 5

5) Is the nominee well rounded in the field of agriculture?

Scale 1-5, with 1 a low and 5 high (Please circle) 1 2 3 4 5

6) How often is the nominee on your farm or the farm of your customers?

weekly monthly twice monthly quarterly twice yearly yearly

7) Is the nominee involved in the community? Yes No

Type of activity _____

8) Does the nominee make contributions to the CCA program or the crop advising community?

Yes No

Type of activity _____

9) Is the applicant ethical in their recommendations? (in other words, do you feel they have your best interests in mind when suggesting products for your operation or through your business?)

Scale 1-5, with 1 a low and 5 high (Please circle) 1 2 3 4 5

10) How does the CCA share information with you and others?

- Newsletter
- On-farm research
- Field day
- Field visits
- Winter grower meeting
- Other _____

11) What particular activity did the CCA perform that caused you to nominate her/him?

12) Why do you believe the nominee should receive the 2011 Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award?

13) What skills or initiatives has the nominee displayed in their crop advising career that sets them apart from their colleagues?
