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Aaron Clark Named 2026 Ohio CCA of the Year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (March 13, 2026) - The Ohio Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Program is proud to announce Aaron Clark as the recipient of the 2026 CCA of the Year award. Clark serves as an Agronomy Solutions Advisor for Sunrise Cooperative, demonstrating his commitment to supporting his producers with the tools and technologies to attain and exceed the success they desire for their operations.

"Aaron's dedication to constantly update his practices and approaches to match the evolution of the industry has provided a strong partnership with his clients in support of their goals," said Jason Hartschuh, chairman of the Ohio CCA board. "His balance of tried-and-true practices with new practices and products has helped to keep his clients on the cutting edge of management strategies."

"Aaron approaches every situation with a willingness to learn and understand," said a representative from one of his farmer clients who nominated Clark for the award. "He is always prepared to offer his advice and recommendations. He is very focused on meeting the targets for our farm. He has challenged our operation to continually exceed our expectations and has provided us the tools to do so. He has demonstrated time and again, how valuable and rewarding the partnership between the producer and CCA is for all involved."

Sponsored by the Ohio CCA Program, the state award recognizes individuals like Clark for their exceptional service to farmer clients, outstanding contributions to nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and crop

production, and for their role in fostering knowledge exchange within Ohio's agricultural industry.

Clark was honored at the 2026 Conservation Tillage & Technology Conference in Ada, Ohio, in March. He received a plaque and a \$1500 cash award in recognition of his contributions, courtesy of the Ohio Association of Independent Crop Consultants, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Nutrien.

Recent honorees include: Clint Nester of Nester Ag, LLC; Josh Snyder of Sunrise Cooperative; Dr. Alex J. Lindsey, Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at The Ohio State University; Tina Lust, Lust Seed Sales & Service; Thomas Puch, Heritage Cooperative; Wesley Haun, Tiger-Sul Products, LLC; and Don Boehm, Legacy Farmers Cooperative. To view the full list of past award recipients, visit oaba.net/cca.

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About Ohio CCA Program

The Ohio Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Program is an educational program that certifies individuals who advise growers on agronomic practices. The CCA Program offers the annual CCA exam three times a year, as well as providing continuing education opportunities for Certified Crop Advisers. CCAs gain expertise in nutrient, soil, water, crop and pest management in order to provide recommendations that follow industry best management practices. The program is administered by the Ohio AgriBusiness Association. For more information about the Ohio CCA Program, please visit oaba.net/cca.

PHOTO CUTLINE: Aaron Clark (left) receives the CCA Award from Ohio CCA Board Chairman Jason Hartschuh (right) at the 2026 Conservation Tillage & Technology Conference in Ada, Ohio.