

Steps and Qualifications for CCA certification:

- Be a CCA.
- Have at least 5 years experience with at least a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy or closely related field, 4 years with an MS Degree or 3 years with a Ph.D.
- Supply documentation for your education and experience with transcripts and supporting references.
- Must sign and adhere to the CCA code of ethics, meaning, they always focus on grower profitability while optimizing and protecting natural resources.
- Once certified, attain 45.0 hours of continuing education units (CEUs), with at least 5.0 CEUs in Professional Development, every two years.
- please see more details on www.certifiedcropadviser.org/cpag

Get Certified

Application forms, exam information, and other criteria are available at www.certifiedcropadviser.org/cpag or call 608-273-8085

About the Program



CCA & CPAg are certification programs of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). ASA established the certification programs 25+ years ago to provide a benchmark for practicing agronomy professionals.

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Become a Certified Professional Agronomist



CCA 25+ Years of Defining the Profession

COMMITMENT • EDUCATION • EXPERTISE • EXPERIENCE

Certification is the standard by which agronomy professionals are judged industrywide.

What is CPAg Certification?

The Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg) certification is for the CCA who wants to take the extra step in their formal education. A CPAg may manage personnel, is an educator or government employee, or conduct research.

The purpose of a certification program is to protect the public and the profession. They are voluntary, professional enhancements to your career. Once certified you are telling your clients, employer, and the public, **"I am serious about what I do as a professional."** All successful certification programs have one common element and that is to serve and protect the public interest.

The Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) and Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg) Programs are established as a benchmark for agronomy professionals and is the largest, voluntary certification program in the agricultural industry. They provide base-level standards for agronomic knowledge through a national and regional testing process and raise those standards through continuing education.

Who Should Be Certified?

Any individual whose education, experience, and career path is associated with the practice of agronomy, including:

- Advising growers on agronomic practices
- Conducting educational programs and/or does research in agronomy
- Managing other agronomists
- Providing technical support to field agronomists

Benefits of being certified:

Enhanced marketability to employers
Increased income potential
Raised reputation in community
Creates opportunity for advancement



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