



2023 Kentucky Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award

The Kentucky Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Program is sponsoring one state award titled “Kentucky 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 Kentucky.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to increase the awareness that both farmers and their crop advisers 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 Kentucky CCA certification and be in good standing.
2. Individual must be nominated by someone other than the CCA.
3. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

Nomination and Selection Process

1. Nominations are to be submitted to the Kentucky CCA Board by December 15, 2023.
2. The Kentucky CCA Board Selection Committee will review the nominations and select the top three candidates.
3. The top three candidates may be asked to participate in an interview conference call. The selection committee will then select the winner.
4. The state winner will be notified by January 5, 2024 and is encouraged to attend the Kentucky Commodity Conference on January 18, 2024 to receive the award.
5. Nominees from this year will be automatically resubmitted for consideration for next year’s award (one time only).

Recognition

The Kentucky Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award will be presented at the Kentucky Commodity Conference in Bowling Green, Kentucky on January 18, 2024. The state award includes a plaque, a cash award, and recognition in industry publications.

Send Nomination forms to: Kentucky CCA Board, 340 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601. Fax: 502-875-1595 Email: info@kycca.org.

Previous Winners

2022 – David Hill
2021 – Shawn Kand
2020 – Bill Brinkley
2019 – Phil Needham
2018 – Ronan Cummins
2017 – Philip Anderson

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Nomination Form

Nominee _____ *CCA Certification Number (if known)* _____

Employer (or name if independent) _____

Position _____ Years of crop advising experience _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Nominated by _____

Relationship: __ grower __ peer __ industry __ university

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

EXAMPLE (s): _____

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

Yes No

EXAMPLE (s): _____

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 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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominee's Signature: _____

Date: _____