

# CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED CROP ADVISORS



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Vice Chairman

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# CALIFORNIA CCA PROGRAM

- Voluntary Crop Advisor Certification Program
- Established 1992
- Certification Standards established by ICCA of the American Society of Agronomy
- CCA Requirements Pass International & CA exam requirements, minimum of two years of consulting experience and 40 hours of CEUs every two years to maintain certification standards
- CA CCA Board oversees programs



# Current Number of CCAs in California

- Current – 612
- Candidates that took August Exam – 118 total
- About 80% of California CCAs are also PCAs

# CaCCA Executive Officers



- Chair – Sebastian Braum, YARA NA
- Vice Chair – Mike Huffman – The Lyman Group
- Treasurer – Allan Romander, CPS
- Secretary – Keith Backman, Dellavalle Labs
- Member at Large – Tim Hartz, UCD
- Administrator – Terry Stark, CAPCA



# CaCCA Board of Directors

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Crop Consultants
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# CA CCA Key Areas of Interest

- Nutrient Management
- Soil and Water Management
- Pest Management
- Crop Management
- Manure Management



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# CALIFORNIA CCA Expertise

- Nutrient Management
- Soil & Water Management
- Diversified Crop Consulting/Management
- Dairy Manure Management
- Pest Management (must be a PCA to make pest management recommendations)
- Regulatory Requirements for Crop Protection

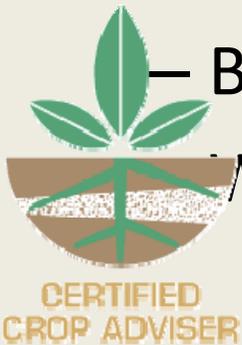


# Nitrate in Drinking Water

- Major issue – But not a new issue
- Regional Water Quality Board Regulation of Irrigated Lands
- Nitrogen Assessment will be coming from UC Davis Agricultural Sustainability Institute
- UC Davis Report on Nitrate

– Being reviewed by State Water Board

Will make report to legislature



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- Approved on Dec. 15, 2011 to work with CDFA/FREP in developing Nutrient Management Training.
- A committee of CCAs was formed to work with CDFA/FREP to develop concepts and procedures.



# Important Role for CCA in Nutrient Management Planning

- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board requires approval of certain grower nutrient management plans by CCA or other professional.
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board may require CCA approval of nutrient management plans in nitrate sensitive areas



# Next Exam – February 1, 2013

- Sign up – October 8, 2012 – December 7, 2012
- <https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/exams>
- Locations
  - Sacramento\*
  - Salinas\*
  - Tulare\*
  - Ventura
- \*Pre Exam Training Sessions will be held



# Communications

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# CALIFORNIA CCA Educational Project Recognition

- The CDFA FREP has been a long time funding supporter of the California CCA Program.
- August 1, 2007 – December 31, 2008
- January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011
- January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2014

Thanks for Your Support



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