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CERTIFIED CROP ADVISERS RECOGNIZED FOR TENURE AT THE 2018 ASC

Des Moines - The Iowa Certified Crop Advisers (CCA) board of directors recognized eleven individuals for twenty-five years (certified in 1993), sixty-nine individuals for twenty years (certified in 1998), and forty-four individuals for fifteen years (certified in 2003) of professionalism and years of service to agriculture as CCAs during the annual CCA Years of Service luncheon on Tuesday, February 13. The luncheon is held in conjunction with the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference (ASC) in Des Moines, Iowa. Iowa CCAs utilize their skills in nutrient and pest management to assist growers with economical and efficient crop production. They also ensure that growers are aware of regulations and utilize best management practices to protect the environment.

The CCA board also presented the "Iowa CCA of the Year" award to Walter Armstrong, Bayer CropScience. The Iowa Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award is designed to recognize a CCA who delivers exceptional customer service, is highly innovative, has shown that they are a leader in their field, and has contributed substantially to the exchange of ideas and the transfer of agronomic knowledge within the agriculture industry.

During the luncheon, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey also presented the Iowa Water Quality Initiative Leader Award to two Iowa CCAs; Jason Gomes of Janesville and Joe Lally of Denison.

At the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference, two-hundred plus of CCAs received continuing education training to maintain their certification. The 2018 ASC offered over a dozen hours of continuing education units (CEUs) at the event and will offer six additional hours during a summer field day session in 2018. An Iowa CCA must accumulate a total of forty hours of CEUs every two years to maintain their certification.

25 Year Awards

John Bergeson, Runnells
Robert Follis, Belle Plaine
Quintin Franke, Neola
Thomas Hillyer, West Liberty

Paul Kassel, Spencer
William Lotz, Independence
Scott Louscher, Paullina
Dean Mechler, Spencer

Kurt Metzger, West Bend
Larry Schroeder, Omaha, NE
Michael White, Indianola

20 Year Awards

Edward Adam, Harper
Edward Albertson, Calmar
Michael Anderegg, Clear Lake
Allan Armbrrecht, Colo
William Backhaus, Griswold
Brian Bartelson, Blair, NE
Gary Beeler, East Peru
Marc Bertness, Sioux Rapids
Jon Boland, Abia
Dennis Bollmeyer, Hinton

Steven Boos, New Hampton
Norbert Boyle, Ackley
Tracy Britton, Wellman
John Bruening, Sioux City
John Buchanan, Cedar Rapids
Sharon Chism, Huxley
Kirk Christensen, Albert City
Larry E. Cink, Clear Lake
Jeffrey Crom, Tabor
Alan Doering, Hubbard

Todd Folkerts, Inwood
Larry Gaul, Strawberry Point
Dean Getting, Fort Dodge
Brent Hall, Chariton
David Heitman, Lansing
David Hensing, Iowa Falls
David Lee Heying, Granville
David Hibbing, Paullina
Dennis Lee Houseman, Madrid
Todd Hummel, Spirit Lake

Brent Johnson, Manson
Chad Kruse, Allison
Jeffrey Lafrenz, Wilton
Doug Laningham, Williamsburg
Tony Lenz, Inwood
Kurt Richard Loving, Humboldt
L. Kent McCorkle, Columbia
Brian Meany, Mason City
Mark Meinders, Mason City
Terry Mente, Tipton
Michael Morrison, Massena
Mark Ney, West Union
Rodney Nothwehr, Storm Lake

Brian Obbink, Hawarden
Mark Pettinger, Nevada
Michael Rea, Cascade
Robert Regennitter, Ainsworth
Brian Ritland, Iowa Falls
Ralph Sandeen, Winfield
Jeffrey Sanderman, Decorah
Jeffrey Sanders, Carroll
Michael Sandhoff, Storm Lake
Gary Schmitt, Waucoma
Devin Schroeder, Clarence
Douglas Sickelka, Sutherland
Kim Spangler, Ames

Jason Sporrer, Logan
Kevin St. John, Shell Rock
Jeffery Steffen, Luxemburg
Daniel Tronchetti, Paton
Allen Van De Krol, New Sharon
Jay Van Woerkom, Pella
Douglas Webster, Sigourney
John Wells, Fonda
Ryan Wilgenbusch, Glenwood
Samuel Williams, Columbus Jct.
Matthew Wilson, Swisher
Clifford Wilson, Moorhead
Thomas Witt, Clear Lake

15 Year Awards

Randy Allington, Marion
Kurt Arends, Webster City
Mitchell Barlow, Ankeny
Shannon Barnes, Tingley
Chad Blunk, Fort Dodge
Troy Bruck, Harlan
Jason Collins, Kingsley
Karen Corrigan, Goodfield, IL
Carrie Snieder, Sioux Center
Rex De Bruin, Ames
Timothy Dillon, Sumner
Ryan Lee Dobbins, Sheldon
Chris Michael Doud, Urbandale
Heath Ellison, Ankeny
Adam Roy Gauger, Nichols

Chad Greene, Bondurant
Cynthia Greiman, Garner
John Griffith, Shenandoah
Brandon Alan Hansen, Roland
Adam Harder, Avoca
Craig Lynn Hough, Underwood
Jeffrey Housman, De Witt
Timothy Hrdlicka, Sumner
David Jacobson, LeGrand
Travis Jacobson, Alta
Greg Johnson, Farragut
Kyle King, Wentzville, MO
Troy Koehler, Mingo
Patricia Ann Koller, Donnellson
Ross Lemke, Guthrie Center

Dale Merlyn Lenz, Vail
Jerry Martin, Pacific Junction
Grant Alan Ostercamp,
Parkersburg
Tim Paplow, Nashua
Michael Petersen, Corwith
Tony Pleggenkuhle, Sumner
David Rydl, Gilbert
Timothy Schanbacher, Newhall
Richard Schroeder, Churdan
Kurt Lincoln Stover, Liscomb
Charles Thoma, Jesup
Joel Thomas, Dallas Center
Michael Wurglitz, Dahlgren, IL
Jeffrey Jay Yeager, Kamrar

The Agribusiness Showcase & Conference provides attendees the opportunity to explore the innovative tools they need to enhance their careers and grow their business. Save the date for next year's event on February 13 & 14, 2018.

The Iowa Certified Crop Adviser program is supported at the national level by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) Certified Crop Adviser Program. The CCA certification was established in 1992 to provide a benchmark for practicing agronomy professionals in the United States. CCAs meet examination, education, experience, and ethical standards that assure their competency as a partner to the producer in achieving the most from their farm. For more information on the Iowa CCA program, please go to: <http://iowacca.org> or the American Society of Agronomy <https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org>

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