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Ostendorf, Clayton, Schomburg Elected by Peers to the Iowa CCA Board of Directors

Des Moines, Iowa – During fall elections, the Certified Crop Advisers (CCA) of Iowa elected three new board members to serve and represent them. A total of six candidates vied for just three open seats. Newly elected board members are Todd Schomburg, Stine Seed Company; Ryan Clayton Corteva Agriscience; and Cody Ostendorf, MaxYield Cooperative. New terms begin January 2020 and run through December 2022.

The Iowa CCA board is responsible for developing local performance objectives, a state-level certification exam, approval of experience requirements, as well as local education opportunities, and marketing. The CCA program provides the standard for expertise and competence in the crop and soil management services industry and overseen by boards at both international and local levels.

Members retiring of the Iowa board of directors include John Bergeson, Nutrien Ag; David Chaffin, Yara Digital Farming; and Randy Law, Frontier Labs, Inc.

Ryan Clayton is a Pioneer Field Agronomist at Corteva Agriscience and provides agronomy, product, and sales support for two Pioneer sales territories in South Central Iowa. Certified in 2002, Clayton has provided agronomy support to over 36 Iowa counties. "I believe continuing education is the key to success in our industry, and I would be honored to serve on the Iowa CCA board," says Clayton.

Todd Schomburg is the Director of Agronomy for Stine Seed Company. Schomburg is responsible for agronomic training. Schomburg is a graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in Agricultural Studies. Todd is a well-rounded agronomist with a 33-year background in farming, sales, and management, product support, and advice to farmers and dealers.

Cody Ostendorf is a Seed Solutions Specialist for MaxYield Cooperative in north-central Iowa. Ostendorf serves as a mentor to new agronomy specialist team members within MaxYield and is an active member of the Eldred Sherwood Watershed Project Advisory Council. "My passion is to read industry research, determine their efficacy, and implement changes to improve nutrient use efficiency and profitability," says Ostendorf.

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 visit iowacca.org or the American Society of Agronomy certifiedcropadviser.org.

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