Bringing Together CCA and CPAg

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Task Force Mission

- Evaluate mutual long-term benefit
- Bringing CPAg in as a Specialty Area
- Determine the need for BS Degree Requirement
One Agronomy Certification Process

- ICCA Program with a Specialty Area
- Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg)
- Implementation Jan. 1, 2012 (if approved 😊)
Specialty Area: CP Ag

- Current CPAgers “grandfathered in”
- Currently there are 650 certificants
- Approx. ½ of them are already CCAs
CPAg: In Addition to CCA Requirements

- Five years experience
- At least a B.S. Degree in Agronomy or closely related field
- Appropriate course work as described
- Five references
- Fees: $30 Specialty Area Fee Added to base
Credential Review

- Local CCA Board (Agronomy Certifying Boards)
- Train how to review both CCA and CPAg
- Local CPAger encouraged to serve on board
- Expectation of at least 1 CPAger on board
- CPAg will have National scope (not state/region)
- CCA would be local but w/International acceptance
CEU Requirements

- 50 total CEUs at least 20 Board-Approved
- 5 min. in 4 Tech. Categories
- 10 min. In Professional Development
- 5 min. In Professional Service
  - Activities that advance the profession and development of agronomy and crop advising with students, peers, and the general public.
CPAg Specialty Area

- More details and refinement to be done by ICCA Continuing Education Committee (CPAgers already exist on this committee)
- CPAg budget folds into ICCA (Currently Breakeven at $33,000 annually)
- Marketing and Promotion: To focus on agronomy certifications listing both
Where We Are At

• CPAg Board has approved the proposal
• It is time for ICCA Board to consider the proposal