

Canadian CCA Report

Atlantic Provinces Board: Small but vibrant. Approx 45 members. Very good government cooperation with 3 provincial governments who look after much of the administration. Strong wish to stay autonomous because of the uniqueness of their agriculture.

Ontario Board: Doing quite well. Approx. 450 members. Have filled a niche with pull back of extension from provincial Ministry of Agriculture. Good cooperation with OMAFRI. Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA) is mainly a government organization and most field people are not members and OIA not a treat or concern. Good working relationship with OAC – Guelph and Ridgedale Collage. Licensing agreement with ASA is working well.

Financially fairly well situated. Rely heavily on annual meeting / conference for major fund raising.

Prairie Provinces Board: Stable membership. Approx 750 members.

Some struggle with 1st year of licensing agreement. Working better as we work though some of the issues. Thanks to Wisconsin for being patient. It has taken 8 months to get our first financial audit done and it is still not complete!

There has been a major shake-up of retail as largest retail organization (Viterra) has been sold to CPS. Some concern with CPS ongoing participation but many Agronomy managers are from Viterra side so we are hoping they will endorse and support the CCA program.

Working relations with Alberta Institute of Agrologists has deteriorated. It is still strong with Saskatchewan and Manitoba Institutes. We are going to attempt to have CCA program recognized for SIA / MIA members who want to practice Agronomy as an accepted course.

We have strong relationships with U of Sk and U of Mb Ag collages. U of A collage has moved towards land management and reclamation. We are trying to build relationships with U of Lethbridge and it's associated collages in Ab.

We cooperated with the U of Sask to develop a web based Exam Prep module for Prairie CCA. 33 took part in training.

Financially, we are strong. We have an income of approx \$25,000 annually from employment postings on our web site. This equates to approx 100 postings a year. We co-sponsor agronomy meetings in each of the 3 provinces.

CCA is recognized as source for preparing NMPs in Mb.

We will be holding a combined ICCA / PCCA exam this year on a trial basis.

Opportunities: We have to get more involved in the lobbying process both provincially and federally.

Threats: Agrology Institutes

Federal Ag Funding was cut by 10%. There have been a number of layoffs of staff and programs have been cut. Some of these programs include the HRS Wheat breeding and Malt Barley breeding programs and a couple of agronomy programs.

Extension: Universities are all but out of extension. Government Extension has been much curtailed in Sk and Ab. This leaves little or no extension outside of private industry.