ASA/SSSA Certification Program Goals

Consistency and Standardization Across all Exams.

Compliance with Accepted Standards for Credentialing Exams.

Operate and Maintain an Exam Program that is Legally Defensible.
Things to talk about...

- Internet Based Testing (IBT) and Remote Proctoring Update
- Continuous Testing - where are we at?
- Results reporting and Process
- Exam Committee Work
- Exam Statistics
- Exam Workload
- FFA CCA Apprentice
- Combining Exam Committees
Results, Reporting, and Exam Committee Work

- IBT/RP
  - Window Testing
  - Results Reported within 2 weeks
  - Remote Proctoring update
- Continuous Testing
  - Immediate Results
  - Official Results Dependent Upon Proctor Report
- Official Results
  - Sent out by our office 7-10 days
- Exam Committees follow the Exam Process
- Meet every other week
- Work depends on the exam status
- Will run the item analysis when numbers make sense
- Boards can request P/F stats from our office at any time
Exams on Continuous Testing

- Atlantic Provinces - June 2022
- Kentucky - June 2022
- Iowa - September 2022
- Mid Atlantic - September 2022
- Minnesota - June 2022
- Missouri - June 2022
- North Carolina - April 2022
- North Dakota - November 2021
- Ontario - June 2022
- Prairie Provinces - April 2022
- South Dakota - September 2022
- Southeast - June 2022
- Tri State Region - June 2022

- Western Region - September 2022
- Wisconsin - November 2021
- ICCA & International ICCA - May 2021
- 4R NM Region 1 All Specialties June 2022
- 4R NM Region 2
- 4R NM Region 3
- 4R NM Region 4
- 4R NM Region 6
- Precision Agriculture
- Resistance Management - U.S.
- Resistance Management - Ontario

- Coming soon - Sustainability - Oct. 2022
Exams Currently on Window Testing

- AR/LA/MS
- Central Plains
- Colorado
- Michigan
- Nebraska
- Northeast Region
- Northwest Region
- Pennsylvania
- Rocky Mountain Region
- Tennessee
- Texas
- CA Nitrogen Management
- Mexico
Exams - How is Continuous Testing Working?

• Staff Perspective
• Examinee Perspective
• Exam Committee Perspective
• Local Board Perspective
• Overall Program Perspective
EXAMPLE
Local Board Exam

2022 CERTIFIED Crop Adviser Exam
General Statistics by area
Summary demographics
Nutrient Management Distribution

- # of Examinees = 120
- # of NM Questions = 27
- Average % Correct = 54.56
- Median = 56
- Standard Deviation = 16.40
- Average Correct Raw Score = 14.74
AVERAGE RAW SCORE 2019-2022

2019-2022 Comparison
2019-2022 Area Comparison

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2022 Regional Comparison – Exam Sections
Demographics

Age of Examinees

- 18-25: 39%
- 26-30: 24%
- 31-35: 17%
- 36-40: 10%
- 41-50: 8%
- 51-55: 1%
- Over 65: 1%
Major Area of Study Indicated by Examinee

Count by Major
FFA Project

- CCA Apprentice Program
- Actively working on Exam
  - Uses ICCA POs
  - 60 questions
  - First year 2022 at the Career Development Event in October in Indianapolis at the FFA Convention
- Education program possible with funding, still working on this.
- Mentoring program suggested.
Exam Workload

• Large number of exams.
• Exam Program is growing:
  • Brazil
  • Mid Atlantic NM
  • South Florida/Caribbean
  • Possible Colombia, Africa, Forage Management, other International opportunities

• Discussion of combining local board exams with similar agriculture.
• Link with Continuing Education
Moving forward

- Software updates have allowed us more autonomy on certain exam tasks.
- Exam committees are asking for increased statistical analysis - many very good suggestions.
- Proctoring - working on a new proctoring partner - stay tuned.
- Examinees - better communication on POs, exam preparation
- Marketing the continuous testing program.
Thank you! Please feel free to contact me any time.

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