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40 More Ontario CCAs Achieve 4R Nutrient Management Specialist Designation

Elmira, ON –The Ontario CCA Board is pleased to announce that another 40 Ontario Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) recently achieved their 4R Nutrient Management Specialist designation bringing the number of Ontario 4R CCAs to 89. Fifty Ontario CCAs wrote the Ontario 4R NMS exam on February 3, 2017 which is the second time this specialty exam has been offered. Ontario is the only CCA Board in Canada to offer the specialty along with 17 U.S. states. In total, there were 75 CCAs across all Boards who wrote the 4R exam in February; 48 passed including the 40 from Ontario.

“Our Ontario CCAs have shown a keen interest in attaining this new specialty certification and make up 89 of the 188 CCAs with their 4R specialty in North America. Not all CCAs do nutrient management work but, for those who do, this 4R specialty designation allows them to be recognized for their knowledge and skills,” noted Susan Fitzgerald, Ontario CCA Executive Director.

The 4R concept of nutrient management focuses on building a nutrient management plan that puts the right nutrient sources, at the right rate, at the right time, and in the right place---the 4Rs of nutrient management. The CCA 4R Nutrient Management Specialty is an additional specialty certification that builds upon the nutrient, soil and water components of the international CCA certification, to demonstrate the CCA’s proficiency in working with the 4R concept and building it into nutrient management planning.

“The Ontario CCA Board congratulates the candidates who were successful on the February 2017 4R exam,” commented Ken Currah, Ontario CCA Board Chair. “These individuals can help meet the need for information and expertise on improved water quality, environmental stewardship and sustainability.”

The next 4R NMS Specialty exam will be offered in February 2018.

The Ontario Certified Crop Advisor Association represents 585 men and women across Ontario who serve farmers as crop advisors, providing information and expertise on crop production, crop protection and natural resource management. This responsibility requires a good understanding of science, food safety, technology, economics and environment. Crop advisors combine knowledge in these disciplines with their local experience to render sound recommendations.

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