



Certified Crop Advisor Association®

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Innovation Award Criteria

1. The CCA Innovation Award is designed to recognize an individual, group or organization who has demonstrated significant innovation or research within the crop advising field.
2. In the scope of this award, Innovation is defined as novel advancement or practice that has had significant adoption or impact with the Ontario crop production industry.
3. A nomination can be initiated by a customer, employer, peer, or other associate.
4. Nominations will consist of:
 - a letter outlining their contribution to innovation or research
 - the nominee's project description demonstrating the current innovation or research initiative; and,
 - the names and phone numbers of three references (such as grower customers, peers, etc.) who have agreed to recommend the nominee for this award. The CCA Innovation Award Committee will contact these individuals for a verbal reference.

The key aspect to emphasize is why this nominee's work or research is truly innovative.

5. The nominee must show the support regarding adoption that reflects the project. Nominations that demonstrate consultation or involvement with Ontario CCAs will be encouraged.
6. The CCA Innovation Award Committee consists of representatives of the CCA Board and Executive who will meet via conference call after the nomination packages are received to discuss the applicants and host interviews.
7. The CCA Innovation Award Committee will review all candidates based on the information presented in the nomination material, during the interview, and gathered from references. Each candidate will be interviewed.
8. Deadline for applications is September 30th each year. Applications may be submitted to the address below at any time throughout the year. Unsuccessful applications will not automatically be reconsidered the following year.
9. The award will be presented at the CCA Annual Meeting in January. A nominee may only receive the award once.
10. Any member on the CCA Innovation Award Committee cannot be nominated for the Innovation Award.

Please return completed documentation to: Ontario CCA Program, C/o Sarah Lindsay 195 St. David Street S., 3rd Floor, Fergus, ON N1M 2L4, Email: sarah.tfo@bellnet.ca, call: 519-787-4322

Nomination for Ontario CCA Innovation Award

To nominate a Certified Crop Advisor for the CCA Innovation Award, please complete this form and attach the letter outlining the nominees' contribution to innovation or research, the nominees project description, and a list of three individuals who have agreed to act as references. Phone numbers for these references must be included.

Name of nominator: _____

Relationship to candidate: (i.e., employer, customer, peer, etc.) _____

Mailing address of nominator: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

CCA/Candidate name: _____

References:

The CCA Innovation Award Committee will interview the candidates based on the information submitted in this package. Therefore, it is important the application highlights the scale and scope of research and innovation work being done and why it is considered innovative.

Before submitting the nomination, please check to ensure you have included:

- a letter outlining the nominees' contribution to innovation or research
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