

# What is CPAg Certification?

The purpose of a certification program is to protect the public and the profession. The same is true of our certifications. They are voluntary, professional enhancements to your career. Once certified you are telling your clients, employer and the public *"I am serious about what I do as a professional."*

All successful certification programs have one common element and that is to serve and protect the public interest. Many professions require a license to practice such as in medicine, engineering, and accounting. That license is basically a certification program offered by the state. Certification programs offered by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) are voluntary, but offer similar benefits to the public as State-sponsored licensing programs. Certification programs set higher standards for knowledge, skill, and conduct in any field.

## Steps to Certification

- Be a CCA.
- Have at least 5 years experience with at least a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy or closely allied field, 3 years with an MS Degree or 1 year with a Ph.D.
- Supply documentation for your education and experience with transcripts and supporting references.
- Must sign and adhere to the CCA code of ethics, meaning, they always focus on grower profitability while optimizing and protecting natural resources.
- Once certified attain 50 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) every two years. CPAgs always have the latest information on new technology and industry developments.

## About the Program

CPAg is a certification program of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). ASA established the certification programs more than 30 years ago to provide a benchmark for practicing agronomy professionals.



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# Become A Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg)

*"Certification provides the public with documentation of academic training, professionalism and a problem solving ability."*  
— Dale Softley, CPAg



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## Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg)

Every day, you face the challenge of both protecting the environment and ensuring economic success for your clients, employer, and yourself.

The American Society of Agronomy's certification programs provide you with credibility coupled with the tools you need to succeed in all areas. Earning CPAg Certification brings you:

- **Opportunity:** Your job opportunities and potential for earning and advancement will increase.
- **Recognition:** You are acknowledged by employers and clientele as a credible and competent adviser and partner.

- **Respect:** You are highly regarded, above other professionals, as an adviser, consultant, and/or teacher of agronomic practices.

- **Pride:** Your dedication to furthering your skills and continuing your education is obvious to all.

CPAg Certification is the standard by which agronomy professionals are judged nationwide. For more than 20 years, ASA's certification programs have set and maintained the highest of standards that benefit you and your chosen career.

## Who Should Be Certified?

An agronomist that advises agriculture growers on agronomic practices, conducts training programs for other agronomists, conducts research, manages other agronomists or provides technical support to field agronomists and can meet the standards of the program.

Any individual whose education, experience and career path is associated with the practice of agronomy, including:

- Field agronomists or salespeople working in public, private, or commercial sectors
- Consultants and farm managers
- Natural resource conservation personnel
- Educators and extension specialists
- Government and academic scientists and agronomy researchers
- Technical support personnel



## Get Certified

Application forms and information on exams and criteria are available at [www.certifiedcropadviser.org/cpag](http://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/cpag) You may also get information by calling us at 608-273-8080.

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