



Illinois CCA Exam Resources

Readings:

1. Illinois Agronomy Handbook: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/agronomy-handbook>
2. Crop Scouting Basics for Corn and Soybean: <https://cropprotectionnetwork.org/web-books/crop-scouting-basics-for-corn-and-soybean>
3. A Visual Guide for Soybean Growth Stages: https://coolbean.info/library/documents/2017_Soybean_GrowthDev_Guide_FINAL.pdf
4. Visual Guide Winter Wheat Development and Growth Staging: https://ipcm.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/UW_WheatGrowthStages.pdf
5. Visual Guide to Corn Development: https://ipcm.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2022/11/UW_CornDevGuide.pdf
6. Crop Nutrient Requirements: https://ucanr.edu/sites/Nutrient_Management_Solutions/stateofscience/Meet_Crop_Nutrient_Requirements/
7. Fungicide Use in Field Crops Web Book: <https://cropprotectionnetwork.org/web-books/fungicide-use-in-field-crops>
8. Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management: http://nmsp.cals.cornell.edu/publications/extension/NRCCA_Manual_Nutrient_Management_10_26_2016.pdf
9. Basic Concepts of Soil Fertility: https://soilsextension.webhosting.cals.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/68/2014/02/Soil_Fertility_Concepts.pdf

Videos:

10. A visual guide to soybean growth stages: <https://youtu.be/ygbKGJoEFCM?si=oh-IUvESdmAfFtwm>
11. Corn growth and development: <https://youtu.be/KpPI7pgMcY4?si=veVfSSjtqyf4Brkd>
12. Identifying nutrient deficiencies and causes: https://youtu.be/we6oMXi6SC4?si=R5CHvWsA8cPN_756
13. Scouting for environmental stress: https://youtu.be/ysNZ_vkSP9I?si=qwN51-33jOzuZih4

14. Introduction to weed scouting: <https://youtu.be/xyZW1-SCr3Q?si=jt826RpWLEO7Xh5Z>
15. Broadleaf weed seedling identification: https://youtu.be/B0a_yGMiObQ?si=Qn0mlrKAKjoAt083
16. Grass Identification: https://youtu.be/UWLnuMN-tc?si=bVDI6F5zeg_MP55s
17. Identifying herbicide injury using herbicide sites of action: <https://youtu.be/NhjNV3C7-6c?si=ux2G3Jiion6cFlx9>
18. Understanding Herbicide Resistance Traits in Crops: https://youtu.be/RVYsdcUBwo4?si=sP_bYruSCp4sV9VZ
19. Scouting for herbicide resistance issues: <https://youtu.be/7zlnP9JDiSU?si=r9pzGTMP88d4Vfhj>
20. Insect identification, sampling and management: <https://youtu.be/X7b-NZ9UU5o?si=dYBmi3J-TzA2FJnl>
21. Soybean insects in the Midwest: <https://youtu.be/ETqKMW8rWso?si=CX-gEexafsltR4kC>
22. Wheat Insect Pests: <https://youtu.be/aGkSu9-EGyM?si=H5crqZi22nO4Ofh0>
23. Corn insects in the north central U.S.: https://youtu.be/yuH5sVEObWk?si=JFqWj_LRYpEoBep5
24. Intro to scouting for diseases: <https://youtu.be/EQQt5ym7eyw?si=l7uoMDVkuUp51FkuE>
25. Scouting for corn diseases: <https://youtu.be/9g6EOhmByDQ?si=IMiPLNviCAJEIUbd>
26. Scouting for Soybean Diseases: <https://youtu.be/r6ZQoCMAAnO8?si=gf8auikzLwghJAs9>
27. WI - Weed, insect, disease IPM for field crops lectures: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMF9p1QYShgyZWu7FhQ2WKgEsX_1NxYe9
28. Soil Science Fundamentals videos: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMF9p1QYShgy2s5lniB5L7N_8QgcETs9-

Modules:

29. Soil and Water Modules: <https://landresources.montana.edu/swm/>
30. Nutrient Management Modules: <https://landresources.montana.edu/nm/index.html>
31. Nitrogen Smart Courses - <https://extension.umn.edu/courses-and-events/nitrogen-smart>

Study Guides:

32. Northeast Region Certified Crop Adviser (NRCCA) Study Resources: <https://nrcca.cals.cornell.edu/>
33. Minnesota CCA Study Guide: <https://minnesotacropproductionretailers.growthzoneapp.com/ap/CloudFile/Download/LwZNEkDP>