

## Gaining certification is not easy!

On average, just 60% of those seeking CCA status and sitting for the exams actually achieve certification!

Exams cover:

- Nutrient management
- Soil and water management
- Integrated pest management
- Crop management

## Experience Requirement

- 2 years crop advising with a minimum of a B.Sc. degree in Agronomy, or
- 3 years with a diploma, or 4 years post secondary school in-field experience
- All this must be documented with transcripts and references
- A signed Code of Ethics is also required.

## Continuing Education

Every CCA must earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years once certified, in order to continue to maintain CCA certification plus pay an annual renewal fee.

## 4R NMP Specialty Certification

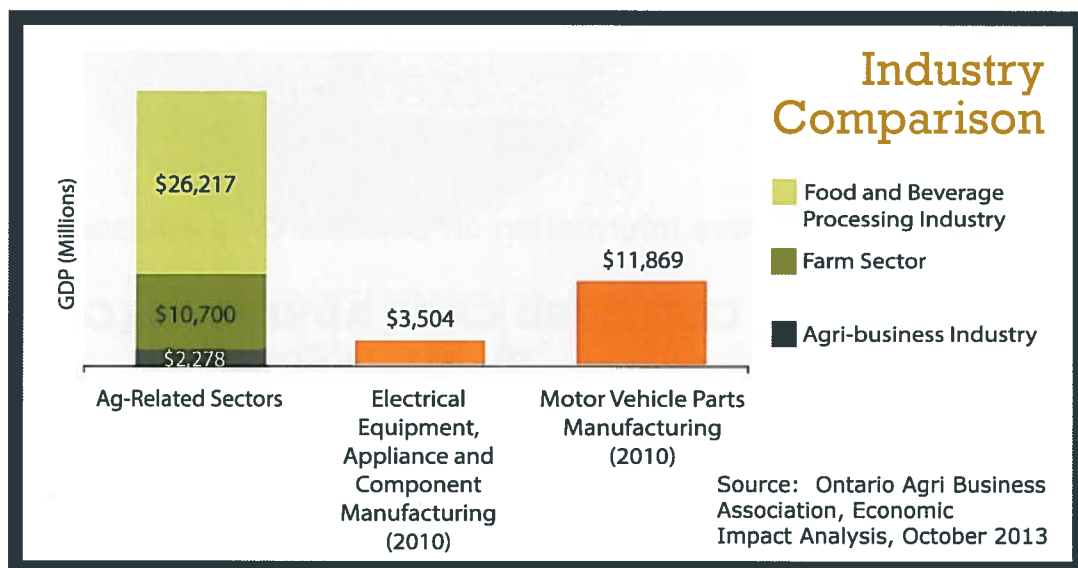
The 4R NMP Specialty is for CCAs who do nutrient management planning and focus their work in this area. It allows CCAs to prove their knowledge, advance their skills and draw awareness to their abilities in the particular field of agronomy. The 4R nutrient management philosophy focuses on applying the right source of nutrients at the right rate, at the right time, and using the right placement. The CCA 4R NMP Specialty will be launched in Ontario in August 2016. Plans are also underway to develop a CCA specialty in Sustainability.

## CCAs in the Field

- Advising growers on soils, water stewardship, manure management, crop varieties, fertilizer requirements, crop budgeting, pest management, pollinator protection, and more.
- CCAs are helping to deliver the Great Lakes Agriculture Stewardship Program to Ontario farmers in conjunction with Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

## Agriculture and Food in Ontario

- Total Ontario Agri-food Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - \$34.2 B
- \$10.8 B in exports
- 750,413 jobs
- \$462 M in total taxation revenue from crop input suppliers, feed manufacturers and grain elevators alone



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