

## **NOW is the Time to Apply for SDABA's 2019 TAL (Tomorrow's Ag Leaders) Class**

The Tomorrow's Ag Leaders (TAL) program is a leadership development program sponsored by the South Dakota Agri-Business Association (SDABA) and designed to improve leadership skills of South Dakota men and women working in agri-business.

The class is limited to 10 participants and the application deadline is **November 1, 2018**. Class and registration information can be found online at <https://www.sdaba.org/tomorrow-s-ag-leaders>.

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## **Everything You Need to Know about the November 6th General Election**

SDABA 2018 Voter's Guide is available for you to print or email so it can be shared with employees on our website by going to [www.sdaba.org](http://www.sdaba.org), or [clicking here](#).



Information about voting NO on W can be found at, [www.wiswrong.com](http://www.wiswrong.com).

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## **Registration is Open for the 2018 Agronomy Conference**

The 17th Annual Agronomy Conference is scheduled for December 13-14 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. You won't want to miss the great line up of speakers and topics, including the following:

- Disruptive Weather: Consistency in Chaos, Eric Snodgrass, UNL
- SCN Resistance, Seth Naeve, UMN
- Pesticide Equipment: Maintain, Apply, and Prevent, Fred Whitford, Purdue
- Nitrogen Fertilizer Rate in Corn: Factors to Consider, Jason Clark, SDSU
- 2019 Dicamba Update, Dennis Rasmusson, Bayer
- PLUS, 15 more topics!

#### 4 Ways to Register.....

- Online: [www.sdaba.org](http://www.sdaba.org)
- Phone: 605/224-2445, have your credit card information ready.
- Fax: 605/224-9913 (registration form coming to by mail soon)
- Mail: SDABA, 320 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 (registration form coming by mail soon)

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## Nominations Open for the SDABA Board of Directors

SDABA is seeking nominations for four seats on the Board of Directors. Two seats are open for Dealer Directors in District 1 and 5. Nomination forms were sent to members in those districts. Two seats are open for Industry Directors, specifically an Equipment seat and an Agri-Chemical seat. Industry Directors are elected at the SDABA Annual Meeting held in conjunction with Ag Expo on January 16, 2019 in Sioux Falls. Contact Kathy at the SDABA office or an SDABA Board Member if you are interested in running for an Industry Seat.

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## Dicamba Labeling Decision

The EPA is planning to announce a one-year updated label for dicamba formulations for use on genetically engineered crops (cotton and soybeans), a decision anticipated to come by mid to late October. The chemistry was authorized for two years by EPA and would conclude in November. Read more [here](#).

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## South Dakota Monarch Plan Available for Public Comment

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is asking for public comment on a draft strategic plan for the monarch butterfly. The plan is available for review until 5 p.m. CDT on Oct. 26.

South Dakota and other Midwestern states have been working together to determine how to provide for the long-term needs of the monarch butterfly. The state planning process began a year ago. Since then, a committee has helped GFP prepare a strategic plan to guide future activities.

Following the finalization of the strategic plan, work will begin to identify specific tasks, schedules and commitments to carry the strategic plan to implementation.

The monarch is being considered for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce a listing decision for the eastern population of the monarch butterfly in June 2019. South Dakota's commitment to this species will be one consideration in the decision. The public can submit comments on the plan online at [gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions](http://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions).

[View Monarch Management Plan](#)

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## **Avipel® Liquid Corn Seed Treatment Awarded Federal Label by EPA**

Effective October 4, 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved new labeling for Avipel® bird repellent, a product of Arkion® Life Sciences LLC. The federal label expands Avipel's potential registration to all 50 states for both field and sweet corn seed. Applied to corn seed prior to planting, Avipel liquid seed treatment is scientifically designed to deter birds from eating corn seed before emergence. Birds that ingest Avipel treated seeds experience immediate but harmless digestive repellency. After sampling the treated seed, birds avoid it and look for other food sources.

Avipel is effective against a number of bird species, including pheasants, blackbirds, crows, cowbirds, grackles and cranes. Studies conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have shown protection of planted corn seed. For more information, please visit [www.avipel.com](http://www.avipel.com).

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## **Ag Unity Legislative Leadership Training Available**

The Ag Unity Group is again offering three-day training sessions in Pierre during the 2019 Legislative Session that provide...

- Understanding and Interaction with State Agencies: SDDA, DENR, GF&P, etc.
- Networking: Meet elected officials and interact with ag lobbyists.
- Insights into the Legislative Process: Attend committee hearings, watch the House and Senate floor session, and learn how a bill becomes a law.

Four Sessions to Choose From:

- Jan 28-30
- Feb 5-7
- Feb 11-13
- Feb 19-21

Ag Unity pays for lodging for members from dues-paying Ag Unity organizations, including SDABA. Food and travel expenses are the responsibility of the participant. Program participants are not allowed to lobby. For more information, please contact Brenda Forman at 605-945-2848 or [bforman@sdac.coop](mailto:bforman@sdac.coop).

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## Do You Have a Hazard Communication Program?

If OSHA came to your door, what's one of the first things the inspector might ask to see? Most likely your Hazard Communication Program. Do you have one and is it current? Not all OSHA regulations require written programs, but many do.



Written programs personalized to your retail agricultural farm center, terminal, warehouse or equipment dealership:

- Hazard Communication Program
- Lockout/Tagout
- Confined Space Entry
- Respiratory Protection
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Electrical Safety
- Grain Handling Standard
- Hot Work Program
- Emergency Plan
- DOT Safety Policy
- DOT Security Plan

Click [here](#) for more information. This link will take you directly to the Asmark website.

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## CCA CORNER

**CCA Exam Registration Open:** Registration for the February 1, 2019 exam is open now through December 14th. Please distribute widely to anyone interested in becoming CCA certified. Find Performance Objectives, registration, and other materials on the [CCA Exam website](#).

**Short on CEUS?** Email reminders for those who are short CEUs for their cycles ending December 31, 2018 have started, and another email will be sent within the next week. These email reminders will continue throughout the season.

**2019 Renewal Fee Invoices:** Invoices for the 2019 renewals are now available on CCA members accounts and are available to pay online. Go to the CCA Website and log in, then click the Renew button to pay. Email notifications were sent, and paper invoices mailed to those without email or preferring paper invoices. Payments are due by January 31 with late fees assessed after February 1. Remember renewal payments are due every year and CEUs are on a 2-year cycle.

**ICCA of the Year Nominations Open:** Do you know a deserving CCA? Nominations are open now through November 20, and more information is found on the [ICCA of the Year awards page](#).

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## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 1 - [Tomorrow's Ag Leaders](#) Application Deadline
- 15 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Brookings

### DECEMBER

- 4 - Governor's Budget Address, Pierre
- 12 thru 13 - [Agronomy Conference](#), Sioux Falls Convention Center

## 2019

### JANUARY

- 8 - 2019 SD Legislative Session Opens, Pierre
- 15 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Sioux Falls
- 16-17 - [Ag Expo 2019](#), Sioux Falls Convention Center

### MARCH

- 13 - Last day of the main run of the 2019 SD Legislative Session
- 29 - VETO day for the 2019 SD Legislative Session

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