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Bentson named Certified Crop Adviser of the Year

Doug Bentson, Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) at GRAINCO FS, Inc., Mazon, Ill., received the 2009 International Certified Crop Adviser of the Year award from the American Society of Agronomy (ASA) at their 2009 annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

This annual award recognizes a CCA who delivers exceptional customer service, shows that they are leaders in their field, and contributes substantially to the exchange of ideas and the transfer of agronomic knowledge within the industry. The Illinois CCA Board and the Illinois Farm Bureau nominated him for the award.

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