

AGENDA
January 21st, 2021
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

Zoom Link*: <https://zoom.us/j/91676048147>

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Calendar Page:

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Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation
Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes**

Workgroup Chair

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants- *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box.*
- Approval of meeting minutes from the December 17th Conference Call

Data & Modeling/Accounting & Reporting

10:05 **N fate (45 min)**

Charlie White

Charlie White, Penn State, will share research on cover crops receiving fall manure that has been conducted in Pennsylvania to determine the extent to which cover crops can recover the fall nitrogen and protect against leaching losses. Data collected in the studies includes soil profile nitrate concentrations and cover crop N uptake in spring. The data suggest that cover crops are effectively scavenging fall applied nitrogen, possibly because of relatively slow leaching rates in fine textured soils.

This presentation will help inform future AgWG discussions regarding the proposal for a "Winter Crop" BMP brought forward by PA with support from NY and MD.

10:50 **BREAK (5 min)**

Data & Modeling

CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 4

- 10:55 **Mapping and Forecasting Agricultural Acres (20 min)** Peter Claggett
- Peter Claggett, USGS is returning to follow-up on his [October 2020](#) presentation to the AgWG. Fourteen prototype counties have been identified that represent a range of agricultural conditions to test, evaluate, and refine the ag mapping methods. Peter Claggett is still seeking input from the AgWG on the method and ideas presented in October and will review the schedule for land use data production and review. ***Peter will be back to the AgWG in February 2021 to present mapping results for the 14 prototype counties and request final approval of the data and approach.***

CBP Assignments

- 11:15 **Ag Data Concerns Review (30 min)** Loretta Collins
- The CAST concerns ad hoc group has been meeting monthly since September to discuss the draft “[CAST-21 Workplan](#)” items and additional concerns that were raised by the AgWG’s jurisdictional membership. Loretta Collins, AgWG coordinator, will provide an update on progress of both the Workplan and additional concerns solicited from the state jurisdictions over the summer.

Decision: The Ag Workgroup is asked to approve a *Status Update* to CAST Workplan Task 3: *Investigate 2012-2017 Ag Census change for fallow/idle acres* indicating “Task Completed.”

- 11:45 **Nominations for 2021-2022 Term (5 min)** Chair
- Time to answer any questions regarding the nomination and voting process for 6 At-Large positions open for the 2021-2022 term. Additionally, the vice- chair position is still open. Nominations are welcome to fulfill the remainder of the two-year term, ending in February 2022. The vice- chair is expected to rise the chair position for 2022-2023 term. **All nominations are due NO LATER than COB January 22nd. Submit to Hilary Swartwood (swartwood.hilary@epa.gov) and Loretta Collins (lcollins@chesapeakebay.net).**
- 11:50 **New Business & Announcements (5 min)**
- **COVID-19 Updates?**
 - **2021 All-Bay (All-Virtual) Agriculture Network Forum**
 - The 2021 all-virtual Forum will be organized around six intensive sessions focused on critical needs and opportunities in enhancing conservation delivery for the region, as informed by NFWF’s program partners, stakeholders, and the region’s agricultural community. Each session will be delivered through a roughly 3-hour virtual program featuring a variety of informational presentations, panels, and case studies.
 - REGISTRATION: Click [here](#).
 - **2021 Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants Program**
 - The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, is now soliciting Letters of Interest for the 2021 Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grants program. Click [here](#) for more info.
 - **Making Cover Crops Pay Webinar Series: Using Cover Crops to Improve Soil Fertility**

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- February 10, 2021 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: This session hosted by Charlie White will review ways to determine nitrogen credits and cover recent research from across the state. Charlie will also discuss how non-legume cover crops cycle nutrients from previous crops and manure applications.
- <https://extension.psu.edu/making-cover-crops-pay>
- **Non-Urban Stream Restoration** EPEG – Next meeting early February
- **Animal Mortality** Expert Panel Report – Finalizing report, webinar announcement early 2021.
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Loretta Collins (lcollins@chesapeakebay.net) for inclusion in “Recap” email

11:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)**

12:00 **Adjourn**

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 18th from 10AM-12PM: Conference Call

COVID-19 Resources:

Evolving list...

Delaware

UD Extension: <https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/cooperative-extension/trending/coronavirus-resources/>

Farmer Relief: [Delaware Grant Program for Contract Poultry Growers Impacted by COVID-19](#)

Maryland

MDA Updates: <https://news.maryland.gov/mda/category/covid-19/>

UMD Extension: <https://extension.umd.edu/learn/covid-19-resources>

Maryland Farm Bureau: <https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/coronavirus/>

Maryland Farmer COVID-19 Relief Program: [More Info](#)

New York

Crisis Management: <https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension: <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/coronavirus-response/>

State-Level Ag/COVID resources that are updated, sometimes daily (with some overlap):

Executive Order 2026 on Essential Businesses/Entities:

- <https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>

NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets:

- <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>
- https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/covid19_resourceguide_0.pdf

Cornell University / Cornell Cooperative Extension:

- <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/coronavirus-response/>
- <https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/publications/covid-19/>
- <https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/publications/news-e-alerts/>
- <http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

- <https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Pennsylvania

Dept. of Agriculture: <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Resources.aspx>

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidance documents:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx>

Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/coronavirus>

West Virginia

Dept. of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Virginia

Virginia Tech: https://aaec.vt.edu/content/dam/aaec_vt_edu/extension/aaec-outreach-reports/covid-19-resources-may-2020/COVID-impacts-on-Virginia-5-20.pdf

Virginia Cooperative Extension: <https://ext.vt.edu/covid-19updates/resources.html>

USDA

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: <https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>

Coronavirus and USDA Assistance for Farmers: <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus>

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

Federal Rural Resource Guide: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf

EPA

EPA: www.epa.gov/coronavirus

EPA Policy and Frequent Questions on Grant Issues related to COVID-19 (3/26):

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2020-g02>

EPA Memo on COVID-19 Implications for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program (3/26):

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/oecamemooncovid19implications.pdf>

EPA COVID-19 Enforcement and Compliance Resources: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/covid-19-enforcement-and-compliance-resources>

Non-Governmental Organizations

National Association of Conservation Districts: <https://www.nacdnet.org/covid-19/>

Farm Bureau: <https://www.fb.org/land/impact-covid19-on-ag>

Farmer's Legal Action Group Quick Summary of COVID-19 Relief for Farmers:

<http://www.flaginc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Updated-Farmers-Guide-to-COVID-19-Relief-April-27-2020.pdf>

National Farmers Union: <https://nfu.org/coronavirus/>

Center for Dairy Excellence: <https://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/covid-19-farm-resources/>

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association: <https://www.uspoultry.org/COVID-19/>

Pork Checkoff: <https://www.pork.org/public-health/what-you-need-to-know-about-covid-19/>

National Grain and Feed Association: [https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-](https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-19_Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19_Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f)

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National Cattlemen's Beef Association: <https://www.ncba.org/coronavirus.aspx>

Crisis Hotline

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Farm Aid: Monday-Friday 9-5 EST at 1-800-FARM-AID: <https://www.farmaid.org/blog/resources-for-farmers-affected-by-covid-19/>

Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI): <https://www.rafiusa.org/hotline/>