

AGENDA
 July 16, 2020
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
 AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information**Zoom Link*:** <https://zoom.us/j/553329453>**Conference Line:** +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)**Meeting ID:** 553 329 453**Password:** 2494**Participant ID:** available through Zoom link

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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
- Approval of meeting minutes from the June 18th Conference Call

Data & Modeling**10:10 Ag Data: A Review of Ag Census and NASS Data Usage (20 min)**

Loretta Collins

Loretta Collins, UMD, will briefly review the CBP partnership-approved use of the USDA Census of Agriculture and National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) annual surveys to represent agricultural land use/load sources in the Phase 6.0 watershed model. A brief explanation of how modeled nitrogen loading is impacted by built-in assumptions regarding soybean nutrient management will also be provided, in response to recent inquiries from Bay jurisdictions.

10:30 Use of the Ag Census data in Calculating Double Cropped Acres (30 min)

Olivia Devereux

Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting, will review the data used from the National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) Ag Census data to calculate the acres available for double crops in the Watershed Model/CAST. She will show the impact of the changes in area available between the 2012 and 2017 Ag Censuses. This is in response to requests from multiple states on how the Census data impact double cropped acres, which changed in the recently proposed model update.

- 11:00 **Non-Urban Stream Restoration EPEG Nominations (20 min)** Loretta Collins
- On its June call, the AgWG approved the formation of an Expert Panel Establishment Group (EPEG) to address concerns that have arisen regarding non-urban stream restoration tracking, reporting, and crediting. A call for nominations for this EPEG closed on July 8th. Loretta will briefly review the nominee and their qualifications and ask for approval on the nominated individuals.

Decision: The AgWG is asked to approve nominated individuals for membership on the Non-Urban Stream Restoration Expert Panel Establishment Group.

Implementation/ Accounting & Reporting

- 11:20 **Updates on Impacts of COVID-19 (10 min)** All
- The current international health crisis is having impacts across every aspect of society. Time is allotted here to provide CBP partners the opportunity to share their recent experiences and what the short-term and potential long-term impacts of stay-at-home orders and critical response efforts will be on the agricultural community and conservation efforts. Below is a non-exhaustive list of possible areas of discourse:
- Technical Assistance Capacity
 - Outreach and Education
 - Health, Safety, Wellness
 - Industry Impacts
 - Ag Markets Outlook
 - Federal and State Agencies
 - Non-Governmental Organizations/ Non-Profits
 - Tracking, Reporting, & Verification Challenges
 - Adaptative Strategies

CBP Assignments

- 11:30 **Climate Indicators (20 min)** Julie Reichert-Nguyen
- Julie Reichert-Nguyen, NOAA, will describe the Climate Resiliency Workgroup's ongoing initiatives including the development of climate indicators and a scorecard for Chesapeake Bay watershed communities for tracking climate resilience efforts across the Bay Program partnership and projects assessing BMP resilience to changing climate conditions.
- 11:50 **New Business & Announcements (5 min)**
- July 26-29, 2020: 75th Soil & Water Conservation Society International Annual Conference (VIRTUAL)
 - *Expanding Horizons: Where Conservation Meets Innovation*
 - <https://www.swcs.org/events/calendar/75th-swcs-international-annual-conference/>
 - The SWCS 75th International Annual Conference, to be held virtually July 27-29, 2020, will feature presentations and dialogue surrounding the latest conservation ideas, technologies, and practices. Registration is open **through July 15, 2020**
 - Verification Action Team
 - The Management Board charged the WQGIT with convening an [Ad-Hoc action team](#) to address BMP credit duration and lifespan. This is in response to the [BMP Verification](#)

[memo](#) the WQGIT sent to the Management Board in September 2019. The first meeting expected in August.

- Animal Mortality Expert Panel Report- August for CBP partnership review.
- Other Announcements?

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

Whitney Ashead

Whitney Ashead will review action and decision items from the meeting.

12:00 Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 20, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call

COVID-19 Resources:

Evolving list...

Delaware

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

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/>

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

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/>