

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

April 18th, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Materials

Conference Call Information*

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Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation

Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

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10:00 Welcome, roll-call, review meeting minutes – 5 minutes

Kathy Brasier, AgWG Chair

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants - *Please enter name and affiliation under “Participants” or in “Chat” box*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of [minutes](#) from the March AgWG call.

10:05 Introduction of Presentation Topics – 5 minutes

Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Innovation/Data & Modeling

10:10 Evaluating Water-Quality Trends in Agricultural Watersheds Prioritized for Management – 45 minutes (presentation and Q&A)

Jimmy Webber, USGS

Jimmy will present on a recent study he led about water-quality patterns in three agricultural Chesapeake Bay showcase watersheds.

Innovation/Accounting & Reporting

10:55 Update: Remote Sensing Verification of Conservation Tillage BMPs in Pennsylvania – 10 minutes (presentation and Q&A)

Scott Heidel, PA DEP; Tom Howard, Resolve Hydro

Scott Heidel, PA DEP, and Tom Howard, Resolve Hydro, will provide an update on Pennsylvania's project focused on remote sensing verification of conservation tillage BMPs.

Data & Modeling

11:05 2022 Census of Ag: An Overview – 45 minutes (presentation and Q&A)

Bryan Combs, USDA - NASS

Conducted every five years, the Census of Agriculture offers America's producers the opportunity to take part in the nation's most comprehensive and impartial data collection for agriculture. Since 1840, the ag census has played a significant role in showing the value of agriculture, and these important statistics are used at the local, state, and national levels to plan for the future. During the presentation, Bryan Combs, Chief, Environmental, Economic, & Demographic Branch at USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will share data from the recently released 2022 ag census and highlight the latest trends, including the number of farms, economics, land use practices, and highlight additional ag census products which will be released over the next several months.

Wrap-up

11:50 New Business, Announcements & Updates – 5 minutes

- **Agricultural Modeling Team**
 - Tom Butler, Coordinator of the AMT, will provide a brief update on the group's latest activities.
- **Crediting Agroforestry Practices**
- **Other Announcements?**
 - Send to Eric Hughes (Hughes.Eric@epa.gov) for inclusion in "Recap" email.

11:55 Review of Action and Decision Items; Adjourn - 5 minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 16th, 2024: 10AM-12PM, Call-in Zoom

****Common Acronyms**

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)
CAST- [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#) (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)
CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)
CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office
CBW- Chesapeake Bay Watershed
CTIC – Conservation Technology Information Center
CVN – Conservation Validation Network
EPA- [United States] Environmental Protection Agency
FSA – Farm Service Agency
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
OpTIS – Operational Tillage Information System
PSC – [Principals’ Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)
PSU- Penn State University
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts
SWG – Small Watershed Grant Program
WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)
WILD – Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense
UMD- University of Maryland
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USGS – United States Geological Survey