

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)  
Meeting Agenda  
January 19, 2023  
10:00 AM – 11:15 PM  
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**Conference Call Information\***

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\*\*Common Acronyms can be found at the end of this agenda.

**Workgroup Areas of Focus**

**Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation**

**Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments**

**10:00 Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** – Jeremy Daubert, 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*
- Approval of [minutes](#) from the November AgWG call

**CBP Assignments/Data & Modeling**

**10:05 Agricultural Data Inputs (15 min)** - Tom Butler, EPA.

Tom will provide an update on the Phase 7 Agricultural Modeling Team (AMT) and their [December](#) and [January](#) meetings.

**10:20 AgWG At-Large Membership Nominations: Upcoming Timeline (10 min)** - Tom Butler, EPA.

Tom will outline the process for approving and ranking at-large members for the 2023-2025 term, including the upcoming timeline and expectations. There will be time for nominees (1-2 min per nominee) to speak to the AgWG about their qualifications and interest in the position if they have the desire.

- **December 2022 – January 2023:** Call for nominations.
- **January 23, 2023:** Poll will be sent out to voting membership (signatory and “mid-term” at-large) to rank nominees.
- **February 16, 2023:** Confirmation of new at-large members.

## **Accounting & Reporting**

- 10:30 **Progress report: Dairy Precision Feeding Update (10 min)** – Mark Dubin, UMD, Frank Schneider, PA Dept of Ag.  
As a follow up from the [November 2022 discussion](#) on Dairy Precision Feeding (DPF) tracking and reporting criteria, Mark will provide a brief update on the progress of jurisdictions to gather Milk Urea Nitrogen (MUN) to quantify DPF implementation.
- 10:40 **Crediting NRCS Soil & Water Conservation Plan Practices (15 min)** – Leon Tillman, USDA-NRCS.  
Leon will provide an update on crediting individual components of the Soil and Water Conservation Plan BMP. This topic was presented at the [September](#) AgWG meeting.
- 10:55 **New Business & Announcements (10 min)**
- **Cover crop BMP verification hybrid method**
    - Present AgWG approved [cover crop survey hybrid method](#) to WTWG in Feb 2023 for update to verification protocols.
  - **Nov 2022 - Jan 2023: NFWF's Chesapeake Ag Networking Forum.** (Virtual).
    - Registration/Recordings: <https://sites.google.com/view/2022canf/home>
    - Contact: Joe Toolan, Manager of CB Programs ([joe.toolan@nfwf.org](mailto:joe.toolan@nfwf.org))
  - **2022 Ag Census is here!**
    - Responses are due by Feb. 6, 2023 [nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](https://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus).
  - **Other Announcements?** - send to Jackie Pickford ([Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov)) for inclusion in "Recap" email.
- 11:05 **Review of Action and Decision Items (10 min)**
- 11:15 **Adjourn**

## **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>: 10AM-12PM, Call-in Zoom**

### **\*\*Common Acronyms**

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)

AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)

BMP- Best Management Practice

BMPVAHAT- [BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team](#)

CAST- [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#) (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)

CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)

CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office (houses EPA, federal partners, and various contractors and grantees working towards CBP goals)

CBW-Chesapeake Bay Watershed

CRC- [Chesapeake Research Consortium](#)

DPF – Dairy Precision Feeding

EPA- [United States] Environmental Protection Agency

MUN – Milk Urea Nitrogen

NEIEN- National Environmental Information Exchange Network

NFWF- [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation](#)

PA DEP- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

PSC – [Principals' Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)

PSU- Penn State University

STAC- [Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee](#)

TMDL- Total Maximum Daily Load

WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)

WTWG- [Watershed Technical Workgroup](#)

UMD- University of Maryland

USDA-ARS- United States Department of Agriculture-*Agricultural Research Service*

USDA-NASS- United States Department of Agriculture-*National Agricultural Statistics Service* USDA-NRCS- United States Department of Agriculture-*Natural Resources Conservation Service*

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