

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)
Meeting Agenda
June 15, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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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** – 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*
- **Decision requested:** Approval of [minutes](#) from the April AgWG call

Accounting & Reporting

10:05 **Forestry Resource Improvement Practices: Extension of Select Credit Durations (30 min)** – Jackie Pickford, CRC/BMPVAHAT Staffer.

The AgWG did not reach consensus in April to extend the credit durations of Resource Improvement Practice 9: Forest Nutrient Exclusion Area on Watercourse and RI 10: Forest Buffer on Watercourse from 10 to 15 years. Jackie will present the concerns from voting members about extending the credit durations and address them as appropriate. There will be time for additional discussion, questions, and concerns to be raised.

10:35 **Animal Mortality Best Management Practice Technical Appendix Progress (30 min)** – Auston Smith, EPA

In [October 2021](#) the AgWG approved the Animal Mortality Expert Panel Report. Auston will present on the recent progress made towards the technical appendix for the animal mortality BMP report. The technical appendix will reflect the implementation of Animal Mortality BMPs into CAST. The AgWG will be asked for feedback on how the technical appendix fits with state reported practices. This presentation will be informational only - no decision will be requested from the AgWG.

Data & Modeling

11:05 **Agricultural Data Inputs (30 min)** - Tom Butler, EPA.

Tom will provide an update on the Phase 7 Agricultural Modeling Team (AMT) and their [June](#) meeting. Additionally, he will provide an overview of the recommendations on how to deal with agricultural fertilizer in CAST Phase 6 finalized by the Fertilizer Expert Group on [June 5th](#). Feedback will be requested from the AgWG, but no decision will be sought.

11:35 **Briefing on Pennsylvania Verification Pilot Project (15 min)** - Scott Heidel, PA DEP, and Joshua Glace, Larson Design Group.

An introductory presentation will be given on the recent Pennsylvania project regarding Non-Intrusive BMP Verification methodology. The AgWG will be asked to approve the methodology at a future meeting for BMP collection and reporting to increase BMP implementation credit in the Bay model.

Wrap up

11:50 **New Business & Announcements (5 min)**

- **Cover crop BMP verification hybrid method**
 - Present AgWG approved [cover crop survey hybrid method](#) to WTWG for update to verification protocols (date pending).
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Jackie Pickford (Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov) for inclusion in "Recap" email.

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

- **Action:**
 - Discuss partnership feedback on the extension of credit durations of RI-9 and RI-10 Forestry Practices to 15 years, as recommended by the Forestry Workgroup.
 - Provide feedback on the Animal Mortality Technical Appendix
 - Provide feedback on the FEG recommendations for Phase 6 agricultural fertilizer

12:00 **Adjourn**

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 20th: 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
EPEG – Expert Panel Exploratory Group
FWS – [United States] Fish and Wildlife Service
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](#)
SWG – Small Watershed Grants Program
TMDL- Total Maximum Daily Load
WILD - Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense Grants Program
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*