

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Meeting Agenda

February 20th, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Virtual Meeting Information

Meeting Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

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Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation

Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

9:30 – 9:40 - Opening Remarks

Kathy will take roll, and meeting participants will be asked to enter their name and affiliation in the Teams “chat”. January AgWG meeting minutes will be reviewed and approval will be requested. The purpose of and agenda for the meeting will be reviewed with the group.

- **Decision requested:** Approval of [minutes](#) from the January AgWG meeting.

9:40 – 9:45 – Membership Update

Kathy will name the confirmed 2025-26 AgWG at-large members.

9:45 – 10:00 – Planning Recap and Updates

Eric will review the steps taken in the workgroup’s planning process over the past several months and discuss procedural updates resulting from the shift from a hybrid to entirely virtual meeting.

10:00 – 11:00 – Discussion: Implementation in the Jurisdictions

The Agriculture Workgroup is responsible for supporting progress toward the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement’s [2025 WIP Outcome](#). The Bay jurisdictions developed [Watershed Implementation Plans \(WIPs\)](#) as roadmaps for how they, in partnership with federal and local governments, would achieve their Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocations. As the AgWG considers what to pursue in the coming years, we can look to what has been done to make progress toward the WIP targets: what has worked well for the jurisdictions, and the challenges that have been faced along the way. Discussing successes may reveal projects, programs and initiatives for our group to explore further and support, and discussing challenges may help us identify opportunities for our group to take action to bring value to the partnership.

11:00 – 12:00 – Discussion: Ag Perspectives in the Ag Workgroup

The Agriculture Workgroup and Agricultural Modeling Team are the only Chesapeake Bay Program partnership decision making entities explicitly focused on the agriculture sector. AgWG members and other participants bring to the table a wide range of ag expertise, and it is important that this expertise is sufficiently incorporated into workgroup discussions. This session will explore opportunities for including ag stakeholder perspectives into our work.

12:00 – 12:30 – Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

We will summarize the morning's discussions and share next steps in the planning process. Of the ideas the AgWG has considered since October, which will we ultimately endorse as a group? How will our selection of topics of interest guide our work for 2025-26? There will be time for discussion before we adjourn.

New Business, Announcements & Updates

- **Other Announcements?**
 - Send to Caroline Kleis (Kleis.Caroline@epa.gov) for inclusion in "Recap" email.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20th, 2025: 10:00AM-12:00PM (Virtual)

Acronym List

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)
AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)
BMP – Best Management Practice
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
MLRI – Modeled Load Reduction Indicator
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
ORISE – Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education
PADEP – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
PSC – [Principals' Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)
PSU- Penn State University
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts
WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)
UMD - University of Maryland
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USGS – United States Geological Survey
USFS – United States Forestry Service