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Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)
Meeting Agenda
May 16th, 2024
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Meeting Materials

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> ## Workgroup Areas of Focus
>
> **Accounting & Reporting ● Implementation ● Innovation**
>
> **Data & Modeling ● CBP Assignments**

Intro & Announcements

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 April AgWG call.

10:05 **Introduction of Presentation Topics – 5 minutes**
Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

Data & Modeling

10:10 **2022 Census of Ag: Bay-specific Numbers – 15 minutes (presentation and Q&A)**
Joseph Delesantro, CBPO/ORISE Fellow

Last month, the AgWG heard an overview of nation-wide trends and data from the 2022 ag census. This month, Joseph will share data and trends specific to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Accounting & Reporting

10:25 **Supporting Agroforestry Implemented throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed – 35 minutes (presentation and Q&A)**
Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator; Ruth Cassilly, UMD

Eric will provide an overview of the Expert Panel Evaluation Group (EPEG) process, and Ruth will explain next steps for establishing an EPEG for agroforestry practices (silvopasture and alley cropping).

11:00 **Update: Remote Sensing Verification of Conservation Tillage BMPs in Pennsylvania –**
15 minutes (presentation and Q&A)
Ashley Hullinger & Scott Heidel, PA DEP; Tom Howard, Resolve Hydro

Ashley, Scott and Tom will provide an update on Pennsylvania's project focused on remote sensing verification of conservation tillage BMPs.

Data & Modeling

11:15 **Use of Agricultural Industry Data in Phase 7 Modeling Tools – 35 minutes (presentation and Q&A)**
Paul Bredwell, U.S. Poultry and Egg Association

Building on the Commercial Agricultural Production Data Decisions presentation given at the March 2024 AgWG meeting by Mark Dubin, Paul will present additional information this month on a proposed effort to include additional lines of evidence (data sources) in the Chesapeake Bay Program's Phase 7 suite of modeling tools.

Wrap-up

11:50 **New Business, Announcements & Updates – 10 minutes**
- **Agricultural Modeling Team**
  - Brief verbal update on the group's latest activities.
- **AgWG in-person meeting 2024**
  - Eric will provide an overview of the tentative plan for this year's in-person AgWG meeting.
- **2023 Progress Scenarios**
  - Now available on CAST
- **Modeled Load Reduction Indicator (MLRI) updated with 2023 implementation data**
  - See updates on ChesapeakeProgress
- **Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production**
  - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations for four positions on the Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. USDA will accept nominations from May 7, 2024, to July 7, 2024.
- **Other Announcements?**
  - Send to Eric Hughes (Hughes.Eric@epa.gov) for inclusion in "Recap" email.

12:00 **Review of Action and Decision Items; Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 20th, 2024: 10AM-12PM (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