

10/19/23 AgWG Decision Item: The AgWG is asked to approve the changes to nutrient application eligibility in Phase 6 CAST. This change would allow all crop nutrient applications to be both manure and fertilizer eligible if the crop/land use allows it.

Role	Name	Affiliation	Vote	Notes
Signatory	Clint Gill	DE	5	
	Elizabeth Hoffman	MD	5	
	Greg Albrecht	NY	4	Agree w/ reservations because we were comfortable with our spreadsheet designations for Phase 6 and are accepting some load with this change (albeit minor) and look forward to Phase 7 work to improve.
	Kate Bresaw	PA	4	Our reservations are that this is not a holistic fix. Want to fix it for Phase 7 at the AMT
	Seth Mullins	VA	4	Agree with PA comments.
	Cindy Shreve	WV	3	
	Marel King	CBC	4	Agree with the concerns expressed by PA and VA.
	Jeff Sweeney	EPA	3	Improvements to the realism need to be addressed with changes to eligibility requirements but need to recalibrate CAST for these changes. We believe this would be better suited for Phase 7 and the AMT
At-Large	Jeff Hill	YCCD	4	
	Evin Fitzpatrick	CVFF	5	
	Leon Tillman	NRCS	4	
	Dave Graybill	Farm Bureau	4	Still unsure how it will affect farmers
	Jenna Schueler	CBF	4	
	Ken Staver	UMD	3	<p>1. Everyone seems to like the idea of being able to put more manure on to reduce EOT loads from grain with manure acres. If I read the numbers right that is where most of the reduction comes from as a result of the high model sensitivity to fertilizer N, not from reducing "unrealistic" manure applications to full season soybeans which has been suggested. I would prefer to force a fix of inconsistency in the model regarding inorganic N on grain with manure acres first but maybe that is not possible.</p> <p>2. I am not against change but do think all the ramifications should be explored a bit more before there is a watershed wide change. I see this as an opportunity to clean up a couple of things but maybe I am being naive on that possibility. I don't think we should give up yet and just do a quick vote to get some CAST reductions.</p> <p>3. Most importantly, I don't think the model mechanics driving the load changes as a result of removing timing factors have been adequately broken down and presented, especially when decisions about fertilizer data are still in play. Effects on P loads have largely been left out of this discussion.</p>

	Paul Bredwell	US Poultry & Egg	3	
	RO Britt	Smithfield Foods	5	
	Emily Dekar	USC	4	
	Jim Riddell	VA Cattlemens Assoc.	5	
	Tyler Groh	PSU	4	
	Nick Hepfl	HRG	4	

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