

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

Conference Call Agenda

February 19, 2015

10:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Conference Line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267.5715

Webinar Link: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

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10:00 **Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Minutes** **Chairs**
The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the January 8th Conference Call.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup participation and recommendations

10:05 **Update on Expert Panel Establishment Groups**
Representatives from the BMP Expert Panel Establishment Groups (formerly known as subgroups) will update the Agriculture Workgroup on their initial meetings and next steps as they develop charge and scope of work for each of the Phase 6.0 BMP Expert Panels.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup participation and recommendations

10:15 **Animal Waste Storage Facilities/Poultry Pads Charge**
The AWMS EPEG will present their recommended draft charge to the future Expert Panel for Agriculture Workgroup review. Following AgWG approval, Virginia Tech will release an RFP based on this charge to launch an Expert Panel in the spring 2015 timeframe.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup review and comments on subgroup charge

10:30 **Land Use Loading Rate Targets** **Olivia Devereux**
Olivia will update the Agriculture Workgroup on the status of development of the land use loading rate targets for the Phase 6 Watershed Model. Members will be asked to provide comments and feedback.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup feedback and recommendations

11:00 **Virginia Tech Land Use Loading** **Hanson**
Jeremy Hanson, Virginia Tech Project Coordinator, will briefly update members on the literature search for non-published agricultural loading rate data and research reports. Jeremy will also update the workgroup on the Manure Treatment Technologies Panel progress.

11:10 **Mapping Methods: Phase 6.0 Agricultural Land Uses** **Adam Ridley**

Adam Ridley, USGS-CBPO, will present a method and draft results for mapping the location of commodity crops, specialty crops, hay/pasture forage, and farmsteads throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed using the Cropland Data Layer (2008-2013) and the county-level acreages reported in the 2012 Ag Census.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup feedback and recommendations

- 11:30** **BMP Credit Duration** **Johnston**
Matt will ask the workgroup to review the current draft credit durations and provide any recommended edits by March 31. The Agriculture Workgroup will charge a small ad-hoc team to develop recommended edits for review by the full workgroup at the March meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup participation

- 11:40** **Nutrient Management 5.3.2 Panel Update** **Brosch**
The Nutrient Management Panel has held several meetings in 2015. Chris Brosch will update the workgroup on the substantive changes that the panel will be proposing in their revised recommendations.

- 11:50** **Workgroup Updates** **Chairs**
The workgroup Co-Chairs will review relevant workgroup updates including:
- Poultry Litter Subcommittee Report
 - Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee updates
 - University of Maryland position update

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup participation

- 12:10** **Review of AgWG Recommendations** **Giese**
Emma Giese, CRC Staffer, will review the draft notes from the meeting for comment.

ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup participation and recommendations

- 12:15** **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: March 18-19, location TBD

Meeting Materials:

All materials from today's meeting will be posted on the event page:
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Agenda Schedule:

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