

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

June 17th-18th

DRAFT Meeting Agenda Topics

**VSU Randolph Farm- Pavilion
4414 River Rd. Petersburg, VA**

Conference line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267-985-6222#

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

Meeting materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22591/>

June 17th 9:30AM-5:00PM

Agriculture Workgroup Special Session

- 9:30 **Virginia Resource Management Plan and Maryland Certainty Programs** VA-DCR/MDA
Barbara McGarry and Scott Ambler (VA-DCR) and Jason Keppler (MDA) will present highlights and lessons learned from each of their certainty programs, followed by participant discussion.

Agriculture Workgroup Main Session

- 11:20 **Welcome and Introductions** Chairs
- 11:30 **Approve Meeting Minutes** Chairs
Workgroup chairs will present the May conference call minutes for workgroup approval.
- 11:30 **Chesapeake Bay Commission Livestock Exclusion Report** King/Frye
Marel Raub and Jack Frye (CBC) will present recommendations from their [recent report](#) on livestock exclusion opportunities to meet the Chesapeake Bay TMDL goals.
- 12:00 **Lunch** – prepared by Bobby Long, VADCR. Please RSVP to egiese@chesapeakebay.net by June 10th and bring \$10 if you plan to enjoy Bobby's barbeque menu!
- 1:00 **Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee Recent Discussions** Dell
Curt Dell and Matt Johnston will present some of the AMS' recent discussions and recommendations, including how to model riparian pasture and farmstead areas, and how BMPs will be tracked in Phase 6 for workgroup consideration.

- 1:45 **Nutrient Management Phase 5 Expert Panel Report Preview and Discussion** Brosch
Chris Brosch will present panel recommendations from the Phase 5 Expert Panel report, which is scheduled for release on June 25. Workgroup members will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.
- 3:15 **Nutrient Management Phase 5 Expert Panel Partnership Review: Next Steps** Chairs
Chris and the workgroup chairs will discuss the next steps for the Nutrient Management Phase 5 panel and Partnership review of the report.
- 3:30 **Break**
- 3:45 **Future BMP Panels Discussion** Chairs
Based on the current queue of BMP Panel requests, and additional requests submitted following the May conference call, workgroup members will compile a new BMP Panel review priorities list. This list will serve as the to-do list for convening future Expert Panels in 2016 and beyond.
- 5:00 **Adjourn**

June 18th 8:30AM-12:30PM

- 8:30 **Phase 6.0 Expert Panel Updates** Giese/Dubin
- Newly convened Expert Panel updates:
 - Phase 6 Conservation Tillage
 - Phase 6 Cover Crops
 - Phase 6 Nutrient Management
 - Phase 6 Manure Injection/Incorporation
 - VT panel updates
- ACTION Requested:** The panel charges developed by the Expert Panel Establishment Groups were sent out for final comment to the CBP Partnership. Several clarifying comments were received and adopted. The AgWG will be asked to agree to post abbreviated versions including just the charge and scope portions to the AgWG website.
- 9:00 **AgWG Announcements** Giese/Dubin
- BMP expert panel protocol (comments requested by 7/2/15)
 - CBP governance changes (comments requested by 6/19/15)
 - UMD position update
- 9:30 **NASS Poultry Pilot Project** Dubin
Mark will provide an update on the project and next steps.

- 9:45 **Land Use Relative Loading Targets** Dubin
Mark Dubin and Tom Jordan will provide an update on the project and next steps.
- 10:00 **Future Agriculture Workgroup Priorities** Chairs
Workgroup chairs will lead a short group discussion about upcoming Agriculture Workgroup priorities, meeting discussions, and decisions.
- 10:45 **Break**
- 11:00 **Poultry Mortality Freezer System** Clark/Baker
Victor Clark and Terry Baker of Greener Solutions will provide a presentation on a developing new system on Delmarva for managing poultry mortality. The system utilizes self-contained freezers for on-farm storage in combination with off-farm transportation for processing. The system has been implemented on several farms and is recognized as an approved best management practice in Delaware, Virginia and Maryland.
- 11:30 **Synthesis of meeting** Workgroup Chairs
- Kristen and John will review discussions and decisions made of the 2 day meeting and will outline the follow up actions as well as the timelines to achieve consensus on any remaining decision items.
- 12:00 **Other Business**
- 12:30 **Adjourn**