

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

October 18, 2018

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

AgWG Conference Call

Conference line: (202) 991-0477 Code: 2832221

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- 10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs
- Roll-call of the governance body
 - Roll-call of the meeting participants
 - Approval of meeting minutes from the Sept 20th Face-to-Face Meeting
- 10:05 **Farm Bill Update (5 min)** Marel King
Marel King, CBC, will provide a status update on the 2018 Farm Bill.
- 10:10 **Prioritization Update (5 min)** Jason Keppler
Jason Keppler, Chair, will update the Workgroup on prioritization items.
- 10:15 **Nutrient Application Recommendation Updates (10 min)** Loretta Collins
As a follow-up to the discussion with Amy Shober on September 20th, Loretta Collins, UMD, will provide a brief update regarding the discussion of a rationale for updating nutrient fertility recommendations to reflect new technologies and research.
- Data & Modeling Innovation
- 10:25 **Soil Health Perspectives (30 min)** Matt Johnston
Matt Johnston, UMD, will discuss ongoing conversations with jurisdictions regarding how soil health may be an effective strategy to achieving Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) goals. Jurisdictions are asked to discuss their ongoing efforts and if they think soil health will be essential in their WIPs.
- Implementation
- 10:55 **WIP Data Dashboard (30 min)** Emily Trentacoste
Emily Trentacoste, EPA CBPO, Emily will brief the AgWG on development of a *Data Dashboard* to support Phase III WIP planning, implementation, and local decision-making.
- Implementation
- 11:25 **Broiler Mortality Freezers (20 min)** Loretta Collins
On July 19th, 2018 the AgWG approved an addendum to the Livestock Mortality Management interim BMP document approved by the AgWG on April 21st, 2016 that could be used for planning purposes in state WIPs. This updated interim BMP: Broiler Mortality Freezers was presented to the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) on Sept 6th, 2018. The WTWG expressed several concerns related to the interim BMP that have stalled its approval. Loretta Collins will review the concerns communicated by the WTWG.
- Data & Modeling

Action: The AgWG is asked to determine next steps regarding the interim BMP for Broiler Mortality Freezers.

11:45 **New Business (10 min)**

All

11:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items**

Allie Wagner

Allie will review the action and decision items from the meeting.

12:00 **Adjourn Meeting**

Next meeting: Conference Call November 15th, 2018, 10 AM-12 PM

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