

# **DECISION: Jurisdictions will submit one vote each via Google poll by Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 1) Option 1:  
Continue to use the current regression-based forecasting method for future agricultural short-term projections until 2017, at which time the availability of the new CBP Phase 6 models will require a reassessment of short-term projection methods. It is understood that the 2012 Ag Census will be available in 2014 and will be incorporated to produce agricultural forecasts in future years until the 2017 reassessment.
- 2) Option 2:  
Replace the current forecasting method with the double exponential smoothing forecasting method for future agricultural short-term projections until 2017, at which time the availability of the new CBP Phase 6 models will require a reassessment of short-term projection methods. It is understood that the 2012 Ag Census will be available in 2014 and will be incorporated to produce agricultural forecasts in future years until the 2017 reassessment.
- 3) Option 3:  
Continue to use the current regression-based forecasting method to provide future agricultural forecasts for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 for the 2015 Milestones, but reconsider using the double exponential smoothing forecasting method to provide future agricultural forecasts for the years 2016 and 2017 for the 2017 Milestones, and potentially for annual progress conditions. It is understood that the 2012 Ag Census will be available in 2014 and will be used to assess the value of the double exponential smoothing forecasting method. This option would require the workgroup to revisit this decision in the 2014-2015 timeframe, as well as for the 2017 reassessment.

# Votes Recieved

- VA: option 1
- WV, PA, NY: option 2
- DE: option 3
- MD: none of the above

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- 2) Option 2:  
Replace the current forecasting method with the double exponential smoothing forecasting method for future agricultural short-term projections until 2017, at which time the availability of the new CBP Phase 6 models will require a reassessment of short-term projection methods. It is understood that the 2012 Ag Census will be available in 2014 and will be incorporated to produce agricultural forecasts in future years until the 2017 reassessment.