



CBP Agriculture Workgroup Update

CBP Modeling Quarterly Review Meeting
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- The Agriculture Workgroup is implementing the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's approved "BMP Protocol" for the systematic and scientifically supported development of agricultural BMP definitions and effectiveness values.
- The jurisdictional members of the workgroup were solicited for recommendations that led to a workgroup prioritized list of BMPs to evaluate.
- The workgroup is currently operating based on the list of 20 plus BMPs identified by the partnership.

BMP Definitions and Effectiveness Values

- Four BMP Expert Review Panels representing the highest priority BMPs are currently operating under the oversight of the Agriculture Workgroup.
 - Cover Crops Panel: Jack Meisinger, USDA-ARS
 - Conservation Tillage Panel: Wade Thomason, VT
 - Nutrient Management Panel: Chris Brosch, VT
 - Poultry Litter Subcommittee: Jim Glancey, UD

BMP Definitions and Effectiveness Values

- The BMP Expert Review Panels are tasked with providing recommendations in the following main areas:
 - Phase 5.3.2 modification recommendations
 - Phase 6.0 development recommendations
 - Areas for future research and informational development.

BMP Definitions and Effectiveness Values

BMPs Completed or Currently Scheduled for Review

- Nutrient Management Panel
- Conservation Tillage Panel
- Cover Crops Panel
- Poultry Litter Subcommittee
- Stormwater Retrofits Panel
- Stream Restoration Panel (incl. Regenerative Conveyance Systems)"
- LID and Runoff Reduction Panel
- Urban Fertilizer Management Panel
- Septic Panel Part 1 (review of efficiencies)
- Riparian Buffers Panel (grass and forest)
- Urban Tree Planting Panel
- Manure Treatment Technologies
- Erosion and Sediment Control (as proposed by WV)
- Illicit Discharge Elimination
- Impervious Disconnect
- Animal Waste Storage Systems
- Liquid Manure Injection/Incorporation
- Forest Management
- Septic Panel Part 2 (more broad view of systems)
- Urban Filter Strips and Upgraded Stream Buffers
- Floating Wetlands
- Cropland Irrigation Management
- MS4 Minimum Management Measures
- Shoreline Erosion Control
- Catch Basin Cleanout

Agricultural Verification Protocol Packet



Verification Protocol Packet

- The Agricultural Verification Protocol Packet being developed will include the following elements:
 - Verification Protocol Matrix
 - Verification Guidance Document
 - Summary Verification Research Report
 - Verification Planning Tools

Verification Protocol Packet

- Packet is intended to provide...
 - ...structure and expectations of verifying tracked data for reporting to the Chesapeake Bay Program for nutrient and sediment reduction credits.
 - ...guidance for agencies and partners to develop program specific and detailed data verification plans for submission to the Verification Review Panel and partnership for review.
 - ...guidance for the Verification Review Panel and the partnership to review and recommend verification plans.

Verification Protocol Packet

- Estimated date of packet completion and Agriculture Workgroup recommendation...

Late Summer 2013

A photograph of three people (two women and one man) crouching in a lush green field, examining plants. In the background, there is a farm with a blue barn and silos, and rolling hills under a clear sky. The text "Chesapeake Bay Program Mid-Point Assessment" is overlaid in white serif font at the bottom left.

Chesapeake Bay Program Mid-Point Assessment

CBP-MPA

- The Chesapeake Bay Program partnership will be implementing a Mid-Point Assessment (MPA) in 2017-2018.
 - New Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Program modeling tools developed.
 - New Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) developed by each jurisdiction.
 - EPA considers modifications of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL based on past progress and the new WIPs.

CBP-MPA

- Why is the Chesapeake Bay Program Mid-Point Assessment (MPA) critically important to the agricultural community now?
 - Development of the new Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Program modeling tools by 2017 for representing both current and future agricultural land uses and production.

CBP-MPA

- What are the objectives of the AgWG for representing the agricultural sector in the Phase 6 models?
 - Identify additional existing sources of agricultural production information.
 - Develop new sources of agricultural land use and production information.
 - Replace or supplement national information sources with regional sources.
 - Capture historic agricultural BMP implementation data.

CBP-MPA

- “Building a Better Bay Model: A Workshop for Agricultural Partners” May 22-23, 2013
 - Sponsored by the Agriculture Workgroup and the USDA-NIFA Mid-Atlantic Water Program.
 - Official kickoff of the multi-year agricultural MPA project.
 - Two-day workshop focused on current accounting and future forecasts of livestock production, agricultural nutrients, and agronomic production.
 - Representation from USDA, EPA and State agencies; regional academic institutions; NGO’s; and industry.

CBP-MPA

- BBBM Workshop Preliminary Outcomes
 - Approximately 105 participants representing the agricultural “community” across the Chesapeake Bay watershed and nationally.
 - Generated very positive evaluation comments from the diverse participants.
 - Provided a CBP “modeling 101” learning experience for a new audience.
 - Facilitated discussions produced constructive recommendations in each of the six focus sessions.
 - Summary recommendations currently being prepared for release to the Agriculture Workgroup this month.
 - Workshop outcomes and recommendations will be published by the Mid-Atlantic Water Program in 2013.

A photograph of a farm scene. In the background, there is a large white barn with a long covered walkway, a red barn, and a tall silver silo. A blue pickup truck is parked near the red barn. In the foreground, two men are standing in a field of young green plants. One man is wearing a white polo shirt, dark pants, and a blue baseball cap. The other man is wearing a blue t-shirt, overalls, and a red baseball cap. They appear to be examining the plants. The text "Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee

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- The Agriculture Workgroup has recently formed the “Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee”
 - Support the agricultural BMP Expert Review Panels with multiple modeling assistance (USDA/EPA).
 - Provide agricultural modeling recommendations to the Agriculture Workgroup for developing recommendations on the new Phase 6.0.
 - Provide a forum for agricultural modeling technical coordination between USDA and EPA-CBPO.

Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee

- AMS Membership

- Curtis Dell USDA-ARS/NRCS
- Matt Johnson UMD Coordinator
- Jenn Volk UD
- Dana York MDA Consultant
- Greg Albrecht NYSDEC
- Barry Evans PSU
- Chris Brosch VT
- Tom Basden WVU
- Jack Meisinger USDA-ARS
- Don Weller SERC
- John Brakebill USGS
- Doug Moyer USGS
- Gary Shenk EPA-CBPO
- TBD USDA CEAP Modeling
- TBD USDA APEX Modeling
- TBD USDA NTT Modeling

Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee

- AMS held first conference call on July 15th.
- Currently reviewing CBWM Phase 6.0 recommendations (66 items) stemming from the “Building a Better Bay Model” workshop.
- Developing a Phase 6.0 work plan based on workshop recommendations with additional input from the subcommittee members, the AgWG, the WTWG, and the CBPO modeling team.
- Final draft work plan will be reviewed by the WTWG for concurrence and the AgWG for approval.

A photograph of three white sheep in a grassy field. The sheep are looking towards the camera. The sky is cloudy and grey. The word "Questions?" is written in white text on the right side of the image.

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