Poultry Litter Subcommittee Schedule
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The Poultry Litter Subcommittee plans to submit its recommendation package and data to the Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee by September 19th. This report will summarize the Subcommittee's recommendations on what data to use to characterize poultry populations, poultry litter volumes, and poultry litter nutrient concentrations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Over the fall, the Ag Modeling Subcommittee will work cooperatively with the Poultry Litter Subcommittee to develop a methodology for building the new data into the new version of the model (Phase 6 of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's watershed model). Over the winter, the Agriculture Workgroup and any other relevant committees will review and approve the recommendations in order for model refinements to begin on March 1st. The following is the detailed PLS schedule for making this happen.

1. AUGUST 26: PLS conference call. Purpose: To map out game plan, process, and schedule for getting a final Phase 6 recommendation package with data to the CBP.

2. AUGUST 26: Emma Giese will send out current data templates to PLS for the PLS to update with any new or clarified data.

3. SEPTEMBER 3: Emma Giese will send out draft Phase 6 report to PLS for review and input. The Draft report will include comments from Matt Johnston, Ag Modeling Subcommittee Coordinator, highlighting key gaps that need to be filled in order for the Ag Modeling Subcommittee to review the report.

4. SEPTEMBER 8 or 9: PLS conference call. Purpose: To discuss feedback on draft Phase 6 report and finalize next steps for filling in the remaining gaps and data templates by September 19th.

5. SEPTEMBER 11: PLS will give update at Ag WG Meeting on process/schedule.

6. SEPTEMBER 19: PLS will provide a final recommendation package with all available data to date to the Ag Modeling Subcommittee Chair and Coordinator (Curt Dell, USDA and Matt Johnston, UMD). Note: The Ag Modeling Subcommittee is asking for Phase 6 recommendations and data from all CB states by 9/19 in order to present Phase 6 efforts to the WQGIT at its early October meeting.

7. September 30: Ag Modeling Subcommittee Chair will finalize review of the recommendation package and data and either (1) send to the full Ag Modeling Subcommittee so that they can get started on translating the recommendations into Phase 6 for the PLS's review or (2) ask clarifying questions from the PLS to fill in any remaining information gaps before advancing to the Ag Modeling Subcommittee (Note: The Chair of the Ag Modeling Subcommittee has indicated that he wants to make sure

he has a complete report before asking for the Ag Modeling Subcommittee to review, in order to be as efficient as possible.)

8. SUMMER/FALL: Gary Shenk will set up a Phase 6 101 webinar for the PLS which will help get everyone up to speed and allow for productive and informed discussions with the Ag Modeling Subcommittee. Timing: Do this in advance of any joint meetings with the PLS and Ag Modeling Subcommittee.

9. OCTOBER - NOVEMBER: Ag Modeling Subcommittee works cooperatively with the PLS to translate the PLS recommendations package into Phase 6. The Ag Modeling Subcommittee and PLS will meet jointly as needed to ensure that the translation is done with the proper context and understanding of the data. The Ag Modeling Subcommittee can help PLS with equations, default procedures for states/regions/sectors with insufficient data, how to handle historic data, how to project into the future, etc.

10. NOVEMBER/DECEMBER: Ag Modeling Subcommittee presents to the Ag WG (and other CBP committees as appropriate) the Phase 6 methodologies/approaches for poultry and all other livestock sectors for review and approval.

11. JANUARY-FEBRUARY: Leave a two month buffer in the event that an external technical review is merited.

12. MARCH 1: Final recommendations for equations to estimate manure inputs (and all other inputs) for Phase 6 Watershed Model and any new data gathered since September need for the draft calibration are due to CBPO modeling team to build into Scenario Builder.