

AGENDA
December 17, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

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Workgroup Areas of Focus

Accounting & Reporting • Implementation • Innovation

Data & Modeling • CBP Assignments

- 10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chair
- Roll-call of the governance body
 - Roll-call of the meeting participants- *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box.*
 - Approval of meeting minutes from the Nov 17th Conference Call

Data & Modeling

- 10:05 **Cover Crops Discussion (45 min)** Ken Staver
- Ken Staver, UMD, is a current at-large AgWG member and has contributed to all previous cover crop CBP panels, including serving as chair of the most recent CBP Phase 6 Cover Crop Expert Panel. He will review the definitions and rationale for effectiveness values assigned to the traditional and commodity cover crop BMPs and lead discussion on related issues of land use applicability and the possible approaches for the proposed "Winter Crop BMP" to address over-wintering forage crops receiving fall manure.
- 10:50 **BREAK (5 min)**

CBP Assignments

10:55 Ag Data Concerns Review (30 min)

Loretta Collins

The CAST concerns ad hoc group has been meeting monthly since September to discuss the draft “[CAST-21 Workplan](#)” items and additional concerns that were raised by the AgWG’s jurisdictional membership. Loretta Collins, AgWG coordinator, will provide an update on progress of both the Workplan and additional concerns solicited from the state jurisdictions over the summer.

11:25 Nominations for 2021-2022 Term (10 min)

Chair

Time to answer any questions regarding the nomination and voting process for 6 At-Large positions open for the 2021-2022 term. Additionally, the vice- chair position is still open. Nominations are welcome to fulfill the remainder of the two-year term, ending in February 2022. The vice- chair is expected to rise the chair position for 2022-2023 term. **All nominations are due NO LATER than January 22nd.**

11:35 New Business & Announcements (15 min)

- **2021 Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants Program**
 - The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, is now soliciting Letters of Interest for the 2021 Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction (INSR) Grants program. Click [here](#) for more info.
- **2021 All-Bay (All-Virtual) Agriculture Network Forum**
 - The watershed-wide forum brings together NGO, local, state, and federal ag conservation leaders and partners to share best practices, network together, discuss collaborative implementation strategies and opportunities for accelerating and scaling up nutrient and sediment load reductions.
 - Click [here](#) for more info and be kept informed.
- **Making Cover Crops Pay Webinar Series: Using Cover Crops to Improve Soil Fertility**
 - February 10, 2021 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: This session hosted by Charlie White will review ways to determine nitrogen credits and cover recent research from across the state. Charlie will also discuss how non-legume cover crops cycle nutrients from previous crops and manure applications.
 - <https://extension.psu.edu/making-cover-crops-pay>
- **Non-Urban Stream Restoration EPEG** – In progress
- **Animal Mortality** Expert Panel Report – Finalizing report, webinar announcement early 2021.
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Loretta Collins (lcollins@chesapeakebay.net) for inclusion in “Recap” email

11:50 Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)

11:55 Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 21st, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call

COVID-19 Resources:

Evolving list...

Delaware

UD Extension: <https://www.udel.edu/academics/colleges/canr/cooperative-extension/trending/coronavirus-resources/>

Farmer Relief: [Delaware Grant Program for Contract Poultry Growers Impacted by COVID-19](#)

Maryland

MDA Updates: <https://news.maryland.gov/mda/category/covid-19/>

UMD Extension: <https://extension.umd.edu/learn/covid-19-resources>

Maryland Farm Bureau: <https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/coronavirus/>

Maryland Farmer COVID-19 Relief Program: [More Info](#)

New York

Crisis Management: <https://www.nyfarmnet.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension: <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/coronavirus-response/>

State-Level Ag/COVID resources that are updated, sometimes daily (with some overlap):

Executive Order 2026 on Essential Businesses/Entities:

- <https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>

NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets:

- <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>
- https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/covid19_resourceguide_0.pdf

Cornell University / Cornell Cooperative Extension:

- <https://eden.cce.cornell.edu/coronavirus-response/>
- <https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/publications/covid-19/>
- <https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/publications/news-e-alerts/>
- <http://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- <https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/>

Pennsylvania

Dept. of Agriculture: <https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Resources.aspx>

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidance documents:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx>

Penn State Extension: <https://extension.psu.edu/coronavirus>

West Virginia

Dept. of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Virginia

Virginia Tech: https://aaec.vt.edu/content/dam/aaec_vt_edu/extension/aaec-outreach-reports/covid-19-resources-may-2020/COVID-impacts-on-Virginia-5-20.pdf

Virginia Cooperative Extension: <https://ext.vt.edu/covid-19updates/resources.html>

USDA

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: <https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>

Coronavirus and USDA Assistance for Farmers: <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus>

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

Federal Rural Resource Guide: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf

EPA

EPA: www.epa.gov/coronavirus

EPA Policy and Frequent Questions on Grant Issues related to COVID-19 (3/26):

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2020-g02>

EPA Memo on COVID-19 Implications for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program (3/26):

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/oecamemooncovid19implications.pdf>

EPA COVID-19 Enforcement and Compliance Resources: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/covid-19-enforcement-and-compliance-resources>

Non-Governmental Organizations

National Association of Conservation Districts: <https://www.nacdnet.org/covid-19/>

Farm Bureau: <https://www.fb.org/land/impact-covid19-on-ag>

Farmer's Legal Action Group Quick Summary of COVID-19 Relief for Farmers:

<http://www.flaginc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Updated-Farmers-Guide-to-COVID-19-Relief-April-27-2020.pdf>

National Farmers Union: <https://nfu.org/coronavirus/>

Center for Dairy Excellence: <https://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/covid-19-farm-resources/>

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association: <https://www.uspoultry.org/COVID-19/>

Pork Checkoff: <https://www.pork.org/public-health/what-you-need-to-know-about-covid-19/>

National Grain and Feed Association: [https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-](https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-19_Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19_Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f)

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National Cattlemen's Beef Association: <https://www.ncba.org/coronavirus.aspx>

Crisis Hotline

Farm Aid: Monday-Friday 9-5 EST at 1-800-FARM-AID: <https://www.farmaid.org/blog/resources-for-farmers-affected-by-covid-19/>

Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI): <https://www.rafiusa.org/hotline/>