

AGENDA  
Nov 19th, 2020  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

**Zoom Link\*:** <https://zoom.us/j/553329453>

**Conference Line:** 553 329 453

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**Participant ID:** available through Zoom link

**Calendar Page:**

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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 Oct 15th Conference Call

**Data & Modeling**

10:05 **Factors Driving Non-tidal Nitrogen & Phosphorus Trends (30 min)**

Scott Ator

Scott Ator, USGS, will discuss the agricultural aspects of USGS research and synthesis through the early 2010s, recently released in the Journal of Environmental Quality: [Factors driving nitrogen and phosphorus trends in non-tidal streams of the Chesapeake Bay watershed](#). Further feedback and questions after today's meeting can be directed to Scott ([swator@usgs.gov](mailto:swator@usgs.gov)).

**CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 2**

10:35 **Forecasting Agricultural Trends (30 min)**

Sucharith Ravi

Sucharith Ravi, UMCES, will present findings from investigations on alternatives to the current methods for forecasting agricultural land uses and animals and propose options for partnership

consideration. Feedback is requested from the AgWG to direct further investigation and subsequent presentations. Should the AgWG wish to change forecasting methods for CAST-21, a decision for such a change will be requested in March 2021 to allow for timely consideration in other relevant workgroups and the Water Quality GIT.

**11:05 BREAK (5 min)**

**11:10 Prioritization of CAST Concerns (35 min)**

Loretta Collins

The CAST concerns ad hoc group has been meeting monthly since September to discuss the draft “[CAST-21 Workplan](#)” items and prioritize additional concerns that were raised by the AgWG’s jurisdictional membership. Loretta Collins, AgWG coordinator, will continue the discussion begun on October’s AgWG call regarding how to address both the Workplan and additional concerns solicited from the state jurisdictions over the summer.

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

- **Updates on Impacts of COVID-19**
  - [Financial Assistance through the USDA CFAP 2 Program Webinar](#): providing producers with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb some of the increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
    - **Thu., Nov. 19, 2020 Thu. 8-9:30 AM ET**
    - Registration is required to receive the link to access the webinar.
    - Registrants will also **receive access to the webinar recording**.
- **6 At-Large members will be ending their two-year terms in February 2021.** Start thinking about possible nominees. Governance [here](#).
- **BMP Verification Ad Hoc Action Team**
  - Leadership vote results: Elliott Kellner (WVU), Chair; Jason Keppler (MDA), Vice-Chair
- **Non-Urban Stream Restoration** EPEG – In progress
- **Animal Mortality** Expert Panel Report – Finalizing report, webinar announcement soon.
- Press Release: [Chesapeake Bay dead zone smaller than in recent years](#)
- **SE SARE 2021**
  - On-Farm **Research Grant** Call for Proposals: submission deadline: **Dec. 4, 2020** at 12 p.m. EST.
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Whitney for inclusion in “Recap” email

**11:55 Review of Action and Decision Items and Adjourn (5 min)**

Whitney Ashead

Whitney Ashead, CRC, will review action and decision items from the meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, December 17, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call

## **COVID-19 Resources:**

Evolving list... **NEW**

### **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](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](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](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_COVID-19_Fed_Rural_Resource_Guide.pdf)

**EPA**

EPA: [www.epa.gov/coronavirus](https://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-19 Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19 Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f](https://imis.ngfa.org/members/n/COVID-19%20Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19%20Updates.aspx?hkey=85178898-8bf7-4520-9299-b9348fa2641f)

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/>