

AGENDA  
Oct 15, 2020  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
AgWG Conference Call

**Conference Call Information**

**Zoom Link\*:** <https://zoom.us/j/553329453?pwd=b2Jvb3BuZzZYzh3R2ZSYnBJZm02Zz09>

**Conference Line:** 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 553 329 453

**Password:** 2494

**Participant ID:** available through Zoom link

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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
- Approval of meeting minutes from the September 17<sup>th</sup> Conference Call

**10:05 New Signatory Member Selections**

Chair Gary Felton will introduce new Signatory Member appointments.

*Maryland:*

Primary - Elizabeth Hoffman, MDA

Alternate - Bill Tharpe, MDA

Decision: The AgWG is asked to approve the updated signatory representatives for MD.

**Data & Modeling**

**CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 4/5**

**10:10 Double Cropping Method and Total Agricultural Acres (20 min)**

Olivia Devereux

Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting, will present the method and sources of data for estimating acres for the double cropped land use and overall agricultural acres. She will report out on recommendations from NASS on both of these topics. NASS indicated that the double cropping

method was reliable and recommended using spatially explicit data rather than Ag Census summed acres for the total agricultural area rather than summing each crop and pasture type.

#### **CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 4**

- 10:30 **Mapping and Forecasting Agricultural Acres (45 min)** J. Czawlytko and P. Claggett  
Jacob Czawlytko (Chesapeake Conservancy) will illustrate how the CBP will be mapping agriculture for 2017 and remapping it for 2013 with high-resolution imagery. He will demonstrate how these methods are better than what has been used previously. Fourteen prototype counties have been identified that represent a range of agricultural conditions to test, evaluate, and refine the ag mapping methods. Peter Claggett (USGS) and Jacob would like input from the AgWG on the method and ideas presented. Peter will present the schedule for land use data production and review. He'll also present new methods for forecasting agriculture to 2025. Peter will be back to the AgWG in February 2021 to present mapping results for the 14 prototype counties and request final approval of the data and approach.
- 11:15 **BREAK (5min)**
- 11:20 **Prioritization of CAST Concerns (35 min)** G. Felton & L. Collins  
On its July call, the AgWG agreed to form an ad hoc group to discuss concerns raised by states regarding CAST. On Oct 9th, the ad hoc group had its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss the "CAST-21 Workplan" items and prioritize additional concerns that were raised by the AgWG's jurisdictional membership. Gary Felton, Chair, and Loretta Collins, coordinator, will discuss the results of that discussion and solicit feedback from the AgWG.

### **Implementation/ Accounting & Reporting**

- 11:50 **Updates on Impacts of COVID-19 (5 min)** All  
The current international health crisis is having impacts across every aspect of society. Time is allotted here to provide CBP partners the opportunity to share their recent experiences and what the short-term and potential long-term impacts of stay-at-home orders and critical response efforts will be on the agricultural community and conservation efforts.
- 11:55 **New Business & Announcements (5 min)**
- **Verification Action Team**
    - The Management Board charged the WQGIT with convening an [Ad-Hoc action team](#) to address BMP credit duration and lifespan. The first meeting was held ....
  - **Non-Urban Stream Restoration** EPEG – In progress
  - **Animal Mortality** Expert Panel Report – Finalizing report
  - **At-Large AgWG membership**
    - [6 At-Large positions](#) will be ending their two-year terms in February 2021. Start think about possible nominees. Governance [here](#).
  - November 16 - 20, 2020 VIRTUAL **Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School**
    - Registration is [OPEN](#)
  - **NE SARE Farmer Grant applications**
    - The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program has released the call for [2021 Farmer Grant applications](#). Proposals are due online by **Nov. 17, 2020** at 5 p.m. ET.
  - **SE SARE 2021**

- On-Farm **Research Grant** Call for Proposals: submission deadline: **Dec. 4, 2020** at 12 p.m. EST.
- Producer Grant Call for Proposals: submission deadline: **November 13, 2020** at 12 p.m. EST
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Whitney for inclusion in "Recap" email

12:00 **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, November 19, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call**

## **COVID-19 Resources:**

**Evolving list...**

### **Delaware**

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

### **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/>

### **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](http://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_Updates/ngfa/News/COVID-19_Updates.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/>