



Chesapeake Bay Program
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Agriculture Workgroup

May 2024

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Census of Ag: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Spotlight

Census of Ag

- April AgWG: presentation from NASS on 2022 Census of Agriculture
 - High-level; nationwide, only touching on CBW region
 - Watershed summaries will be released on July 24th
- This month: visualization of a subset of state- and county-level data; review of the use of these data

Supporting Agroforestry Implementation: Forming an Agroforestry EPEG

Crediting Agroforestry Practices

- March AgWG meeting: presentation from Ruth Cassilly, Katie Brownson on implementation of agroforestry practices
- April AgWG meeting: additional background, next steps
- This meeting:
 - Review expert panel/expert panel establishment group process
 - Hear about the work done so far

Request for the AgWG

- Confirm support for convening an EPEG
 - Pulse-check this month; if this is *not* something that the AgWG should pursue, tell us
- Formal decision item in June: charge, proposed membership
 - Send decision to WQGIT

EPEG Presentation

PA Remote Sensing Update

Industry Data in Phase 7

Modeling Tools

Poultry Industry Data

- Interest in adding poultry industry data as another “line of evidence” supporting modeling tools
 - Note: *Not* eliminating existing data sources
 - AgWG member lead: Paul Bredwell
- In March, heard from Mark Dubin about commercial agricultural production data decisions
 - The partnership has decided to incorporate commercial ag production data in the past

Recommendation to the AMT

- AgWG wouldn't figure out how these data are incorporated into the modeling tools
 - AMT is responsible for figuring out the “how” and making related decisions
- If the AgWG is in support of this effort, “thumbs up” can be given to the AMT to pursue this
 - Reservations?

New Business, Announcements & Updates



AMT Updates



2024 In-Person AgWG Meeting

- Wye Research & Education Center, October 16th and 17th
 - 10/16: optional afternoon/evening “field trip”, dinner
 - 10/17: existing AgWG meeting date
- Host institution/member spotlight
- AgWG priorities, agenda items for Q4 2024 and beyond
- Emerging topics

Anything else?

- Send to Eric Hughes (Hughes.Eric@epa.gov) for inclusion in “Recap” email

Thank you!

Any questions?

You can contact me at Hughes.Eric@epa.gov



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