



Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Agenda

October 16, 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm

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Purpose: This month's meeting will focus on the poultry industry, highlighting trends facing the sector on the Delmarva Peninsula and beyond, and opportunities for partnership-based strategies to accelerate progress toward Bay restoration goals.

Agenda

I. Welcome, roll call, review meeting minutes

10:00 – 10:05 AM

Roll call of the governance body and meeting participants. All meeting attendees must share their name and affiliation using the meeting “Chat” function.

Requested Action: Approval of minutes from the September AgWG meeting.
Lead: Kathy Brasier, AgWG Chair
Materials: [September AgWG Meeting Minutes](#)

II. Partners in Conservation: The Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative **10:05 – 10:30 AM**

The Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative (DLLC) has a clear mission: build cross-sector relationships to identify science-based solutions and guide their implementation to achieve profitable chicken and grain farming, clean water, and thriving ecosystems on the Delmarva Peninsula. This is done primarily through convening representatives of the agricultural community, chicken companies, environmental groups, academia, and regulatory agencies – membership resembling that of the AgWG. Alan Girard, Maryland Director of Advocacy with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and current Chair of DLLC, will introduce the AgWG to the Collaborative, its priorities, and the efforts of the diverse partnership to achieve those priorities.

Requested Action: None; presentation and discussion only
Speaker: Alan Girard, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Materials: Presentation; [DLLC 2023-2025 Strategic Roadmap](#)

III. Industry Spotlight: Poultry **10:30 – 11:55 AM**

This session will feature representatives of poultry companies and industry associations discussing major trends in their sector and opportunities for collaboration to progress toward achieving conservation goals. Paul and James will lead with a high-level overview of industry trends, with Paul providing the broadest perspective and James focusing on trends observed on the Delmarva Peninsula. Scott and Zach will present the insights of individual integrators with significant presence in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, their efforts in conservation, and perspectives on opportunities to enhance collaboration and expand this work.

Requested Action: None; presentation and discussion only
Speaker: Paul Bredwell, US Poultry & Egg Association; James Fisher, Delmarva Chicken Association; Scott Raubenstine, Perdue AgriBusiness; Zach Evans, Mountaire Farms
Materials: Presentations

IV. Wrap-Up **11:55 AM – 12:00 PM**

Lead: Eric Hughes, AgWG Coordinator

- Updates: Ag BMP crosswalk and remote sensing
- Announcements:
 - **November Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting**
 - The Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet again on Wednesday, November 5th, from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Additional information will be made available on their [November calendar page](#).
 - **Draft Revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Revisions and Feedback**
 - The edited version of the proposed revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement is [now available on the Chesapeake Bay Program website](#), both as a tracked changes document and as a clean version. The Management Board met to discuss the public feedback and vote on the proposed edits at their [retreat from September 30th-October 2nd](#). Additional discussions will take place at the [October 9th Management Board meeting](#).
 - **November/December AgWG Meeting Dates**

- Since many AgWG members will be participating in the Bay in the Balance conference (additional details below), an in-person/virtual AgWG meeting will be hosted on the afternoon of December 10th after the end of Bay in the Balance, in lieu of the workgroup's December meeting originally scheduled for 12/18. The December meeting invitation has been updated to reflect the change, and additional details will be made available to the group closer to the meeting date.
- Given the December hybrid AgWG meeting following the Bay in the Balance Conference and the proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November AgWG meeting has been CANCELED.
- **Bay in the Balance 2025 Conference**
 - This event will take place December 8-10 at the Wyndham Conference Center and Hotel in Gettysburg. For more information on the event and to register, please visit the following [site](#).
- **AgWG Call for Nominations**
 - A call for nominations for at-large member and Vice Chair positions will be sent to AgWG members and interested parties in early October. Note that we have six at-large members on expiring terms (see Coordinator Updates slides for their names). Caitlin Grady, current Vice-Chair, will be transitioning to the role of Chair, so we will also be searching for a new Vice Chair.
- **Northeast SARE Administrative Council Positions Available**
 - The Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, funded by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and hosted by the University of Vermont, is recruiting for 3 seats on its Administrative Council (Beginning Farmer, Social Scientist, and Agricultural Geologist). The Administrative council is a "23-member governance body that sets regional policies, participates in grant reviews and committees, and makes final award decisions for all SARE grant programs". Terms are four years, with the option of renewing for two years.
 - For more information, including nomination information and materials, click [here](#). Materials are due no later than November 1st.

V. Adjourn

12:00 PM

Next Meeting: December 10, 2025, 1:45 – 4:45 PM

Acronym List

AgWG- [Agriculture Workgroup](#)
 AMT- [Agricultural Modeling Team](#) (Phase 7)
 BMP – Best Management Practice
 CAST- [Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool](#) (user interface for the CBP Watershed Model)
 CBP- [Chesapeake Bay Program](#)
 CBPO- Chesapeake Bay Program Office
 CBW-Chesapeake Bay Watershed
 CTIC – Conservation Technology Information Center
 CVN – Conservation Validation Network
 DLLC- Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative
 EPA - [United States] Environmental Protection Agency
 FSA – Farm Service Agency
 MLRI – Modeled Load Reduction Indicator
 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
 NFWF – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 PADEP – Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

PSC – [Principals' Advisory Committee](#) (CBP)
PSU- Penn State University
SARE- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation Districts
WQGIT- [Water Quality Goal Implementation Team](#)
UMD - University of Maryland
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USGS – United States Geological Survey
USFS – United States Forestry Service