

Chesapeake Bay Program
Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)
2026 At- Large Nominees

Background

Under the guidance set forth by the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership to conform to a 15 member (9 signatory, 6 at-large) structure, the AgWG agreed to dissolve the current at-large membership and fill the 6 at-large positions based on 6 at-large membership categories that have been defined. Signatory members will vote to select a primary at-large member, as well as an alternate for that member, from each of six categories: academia; agri-business and industry; conservation districts; technical assistance providers; conservation NGOs; and USDA. Nominations listed below include previous at-large members as well as nominees received through two rounds of calls for nominations, broken out by respective membership category.

At-Large Nominations by Membership Category

Academia

Name	Affiliation
Robb Meinen	Penn State University
Matt Royer	Penn State University
Ken Staver	University of Maryland, Wye REC

Agri-Business/Industry

Name	Affiliation
Paul Bredwell	U.S. Poultry & Egg Association
R.O. Britt	Smithfield Foods
Zach Evans	Mountaire Farms, Inc.
Sam Parker	Mountaire Farms, Inc.
Jim Riddell	VA Cattlemen's Association

Conservation Districts

Name	Affiliation
Emily Dekar	Upper Susquehanna Coalition
Jeff Hill	York County Conservation District

Technical Assistance Providers

Name	Affiliation
Jennifer Bratthauar	TeamAg, Inc.
Nick Hepfl	Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc.
Eric Rosenbaum	Rosetree Consulting
Suzanne Shea	Soil Life Stewardship LLC

Conservation NGOs

Name	Affiliation
Matt Kowalski	Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Tyler Walston	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

USDA

Name	Affiliation
Vivian Dickson	NRCS