

# Update: feedback/report from BMP Expert Panel for Animal Mortality Management

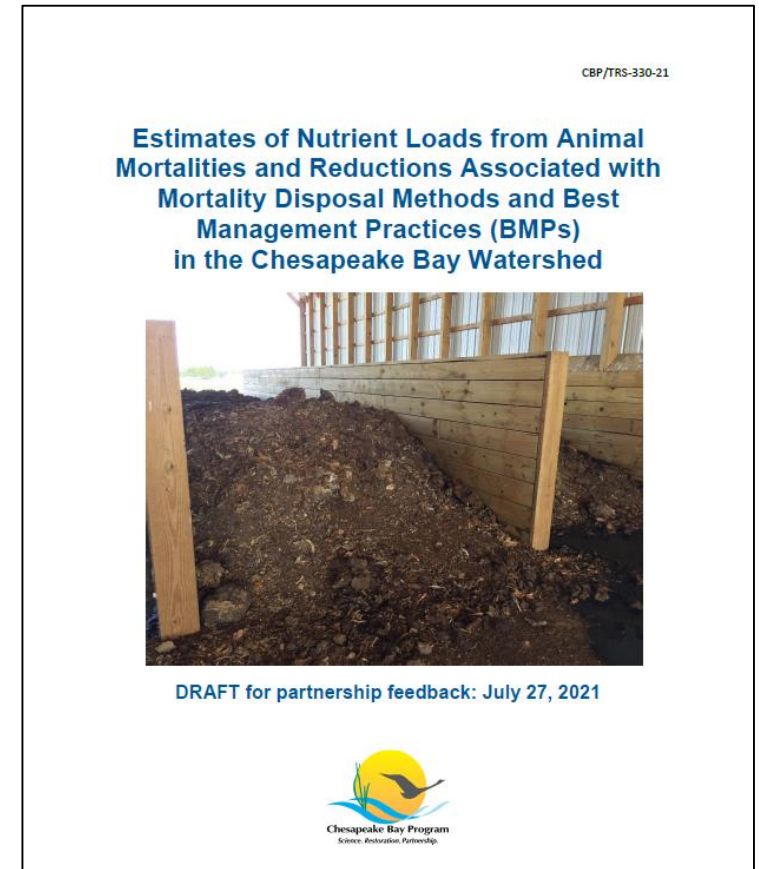
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# Recap: Panel timeline

- AgWG formed exploratory group known as an “EPEG” (Nov 2017 thru Jan 2018); their memo approved Mar 2018
- Panel membership approved by AgWG in Aug 2018
- Panel convened for first call in Nov 2018
  - Public stakeholder session on Nov 25 2018<sup>1</sup>
- Panel met 14 times in-person or remotely thru July 2021
- Report released July 27 for CBP feedback
- “Roll-out” webinar on Fri. August 13
  - Link:  
[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/animal\\_mortality\\_management\\_bmp\\_expert\\_panel\\_recommendations\\_roll\\_out\\_webinar](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/animal_mortality_management_bmp_expert_panel_recommendations_roll_out_webinar)
- *Friday September 3: Requested deadline for feedback on the panel report*



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# Recap: Panel Charge

## **Investigate nutrient loads associated with routine animal mortality**

Animal groups of interest used in Phase 6 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model

- Poultry
  - Broilers
  - Layers
  - Turkeys
- Swine
- Dairy
- Beef
- Other cattle
- Equine
- Other (sheep, goats)

## **Evaluate practices' effect on nitrogen and phosphorus**

Practices of interest from the AgWG

- Burial
- Composting
- Incineration
- Landfill
- Rendering
- Freezers (rolled into rendering)

Altogether this info can then give us estimated load reductions for the BMPs that can be added into the Watershed Model (CAST)

# Feedback received

- Comments/questions during Aug. 13 webinar
  - Answered live.
- Frank Schneider, PA SCC
  - No technical issues. Considering if/how the editorial comments re: some references/descriptions to PA/Lancaster can be addressed.
- Victor Clark, Farm Freezers & Greener Solutions
  - Numerous suggestions and comments, still reviewing. Full set of input inserted to the report as comments and track-changes will be added to Appendix E in abridged/summarized format for panel Chair/Coordinator responses.

All feedback now posted for AgWG reference (see draft Appendix E and “Part 2” files). Still working with Doug Hamilton on full responses. Files will be posted in advance of October AgWG meeting for review prior to decision request.

# Questions?

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