

AGENDA
April 15, 2021
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
AgWG Conference Call

Conference Call Information

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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- *Please enter name and affiliation under "Participants" or in "Chat" box.*
- Approval of meeting minutes from the March call.
- New Signatory Representative
 - Kate Bresaw, DEP, as PA alternate

Data & Modeling

CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 4

10:10 **Mapping and Forecasting Agricultural Acres (30 min)** Peter Claggett
Peter Claggett, USGS, will present comparisons between the 2017 Census of Agriculture and the draft 2017 high-res land use for 14 prototype counties and discuss the data review process.

CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 5

10:40 **Incorporating Land Use data into CAST (20 min)** Olivia Devereux
Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting, will present how the land use data will be incorporated into CAST using the mapped agricultural area rather than the Agricultural Census Total Harvested Cropland. She will compare the results for the 14 prototype counties using the new methods compared to what is currently in CAST-19. She will also review how this impacts the assignments

of crop, hay, and pasture from NASS data to the mapped agricultural area. She will review the double cropping methodology that was previously presented in October 2020.

May 20 Decisions for the AgWG

Decision: The AgWG is asked to support adoption of the proposed change in land use methodology for determining the total agricultural area.

Decision: The AgWG is asked to approve the continued use of the current double cropping methodology.

11:00 **BREAK (5 min)** [What is a watershed?](#)

Accounting & Reporting

11:05 **Non-Urban Stream Restoration EPEG Update (15 min)**

Bill Tharpe

Bill Tharpe, MDA, will provide a status update regarding recommendations from the Expert Panel Establishment Group on non-urban stream restoration. Throughout 2020, the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) approved a series of USWG reports, including Consensus Recommendations for Improving the Application of the Prevented Sediment Protocol for Urban Stream Restoration Projects Built for Pollutant Removal Credit, providing further guidance on utilizing Protocol 1 (Prevented Sediment) for individual stream restoration (SR) projects. Upon approval of the Prevented Sediment Memo, the WQGIT agreed that the recommendations therein be approved “for urban stream restoration practices only” and requested that the Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) convene an expert panel (EP) to evaluate non-urban SR practices.

CBP Assignments

CAST-21 DRAFT WORKPLAN TASK 6

11:20 **Ag Data Concerns Review (25 min)**

Loretta Collins

The CAST concerns ad hoc group has been meeting monthly since September to discuss the draft “[CAST-21 Workplan](#)” items and additional concerns that were raised by the AgWG’s jurisdictional membership. Loretta Collins, AgWG coordinator, will provide an update on progress of both the Workplan and additional concerns solicited from the state jurisdictions last year. *Special focus this month will be on the Task 6: Consider Supplemental Nutrient Management for Soybeans.*

11:45 **New Business & Announcements (10 min)**

- **CBP Leadership**

- **Acting Director:** Michelle Price-Fay from the EPA Region 3 Water Division has assumed the role of interim acting director of the Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO). She began her detail on March 28, 2021.
- **Acting Deputy Director:** Bill Jenkins continues as the acting deputy director for the CBPO (following Jim Edwards’ retirement in December 2020).

- **COVID-19 Updates?**

- **[2019-2020 Bay Barometer](#)**

- Updates for 12 outcomes of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (2025 Watershed Implementation Plans, Blue Crab Abundance, Blue Crab Management, Diversity, Environmental Literacy Planning, Forest Buffers, Oysters, Protected Lands,*

Public Access, Student, Underwater Grasses and Water Quality Standards Attainment and Monitoring), as well as highlights on progress for all 31 outcomes. As a reminder, all of our outcomes are updated in real-time on [ChesapeakeProgress](#).

- **2021 Small Watershed Grants Program**
 - The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, is now soliciting **Full Proposals** for the **2021 Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants** program. **Due Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021.**
 - Register for webinar [here](#).
 - For more Jake Reilly (jake.reilly@nfwf.org), Stephanie Heidbreder (stephanie.heidbreder@nfwf.org) or Sydney Godbey (Sydney.godbey@nfwf.org)
- **Animal Mortality** Expert Panel Report – Finalizing report
- **Other Announcements?** - send to Jackie Pickford (Pickford.Jacqueline@epa.gov) for inclusion in “Recap” email

11:55 **Review of Action and Decision Items (5 min)**

12:00 **Adjourn**

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 20th, 10AM-12PM: Conference Call

COVID-19 Resources:

Evolving list... **NEW**

Delaware

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

Farmer Relief: [Delaware Grant Program for Contract Poultry Growers Impacted by COVID-19](#)

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/>

Maryland Farmer COVID-19 Relief Program: [More Info](#)

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

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

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- Additional Assistance: <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

EPA

EPA: 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
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/>

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