

Program Year 2026 Agricultural BMP TAC
Animal Waste Subcommittee
10-7-24 Meeting Agenda
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Smith Room East
Augusta County Government Center
18 Government Center Lane
Verona

- Continue discussions on Matrix Item 1A:
 - *Provide recommendations for consistent procedures and guidelines to implement the approved budget amendment regarding cost-share for animal waste facilities: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department shall permit the disbursement of funds allocated for the Virginia Agricultural Cost Share Program (VACS) to be committed and disbursed as cost-share funding in conjunction with the planning and construction of livestock and poultry waste facilities prior to animals being on site if such projects would be otherwise eligible for funding and the applicant has a contract for animals to be placed within the project site within six months of the project's completion.*
- Time permitting, discuss remaining matrix items:
 - *2A-Consider increased cost share rate for a WP-4 manure storage facility. This would incentivize storing exposed manure piles, without the “production gain” of a feeding facility. Possible rate of 80% - 90%. Manure storage facility in conjunction with feeding facility would remain at 75% reimbursement.*
 - *3A- Review and revise WP-4F for consistency with WP-4C*
 - *4- Allow for cost-share on decommissioning old manure lagoons. Old lagoons are becoming more frequent as the dairy industry shrinks. These old lagoons are water quality concerns.*

We will break for lunch when convenient