

Virginia Farm
Voluntary Agricultural Best Management Practices Inventory

Dear friend,

We hope you will consider participating in this survey to help us learn more about voluntary conservation practices on Virginia farms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed...like yours! The information you provide will help Virginia tell the story of what farmers are doing to conserve soil and improve water quality. This is incredibly important information that can help agriculture achieve its water quality goals for the Watershed Implementation Plan for the Chesapeake Bay.

This survey was crafted over many months by members of Virginia's Voluntary Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Task Force. Task force members worked closely together and include representatives from the: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Virginia Agribusiness Council, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia Department of Forestry, Virginia Farm Bureau, and Virginia Tech Office of Analytics and Institutional Effectiveness, among other partners.

Your privacy is very important to us. When completing this survey please know that your responses will be protected and the final survey results will never be associated with your name or location information. For more information about participant confidentiality and what happens after the survey closes, please visit the frequently asked questions portion of the survey webpage located here: <https://vaswcd.org/virginia-farm-voluntary-agricultural-bmp-inventory>.

Please answer each question the best you know how. You will be able to more quickly and completely answer the survey questions if you have copies of your nutrient management plan(s) and any BMP contracts with you.

Please complete the survey by March 12, 2021 by clicking on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/VAfarmersurvey> . If you need help completing the survey please contact your local Extension office or local Soil and Water Conservation District office.

We sincerely appreciate your time and effort with this survey and the hard work you do every day to be stewards of the land and provide Virginians and others with a safe and stable food supply.

Sincerely,

Virginia's Voluntary Agricultural Best Management Practices Task Force