



VDACS Agricultural Stewardship Act Program Update

Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Board of Directors Webinar

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- Complaints received for 2020-2021 program year (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)
 - **64** official complaints filed
 - **26** Dismissed complaints
 - ◆ Many of which were water quality issues that were addressed prior to completion of the investigation
 - ◆ Others were non-agricultural issues, already engaged with SWCD in addressing the issue, jurisdiction of another agency, withdrawn by complainant, or anonymous complaints lacking clear information
 - **21** Founded complaints
 - ◆ Requiring a plan to address water quality issues that were identified
 - **15** Unfounded complaints
 - ◆ No water quality problems identified as a result of an agricultural activity
 - **2** complaints still awaiting processing/investigation/case decision
 - ✓ Issued 5 civil penalties involving violations of corrective orders

***Budget for FY 2022 provided funding for two positions to VDACS to implement strategies included in the Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan- one for implementation and verification of BMPs implemented through the ASA program, and the other for auditing and verification of reports submitted by contractor-applicators of their nutrient applications to non-ag lands**