



Livestock Exclusion Report: *Emerging Observations*

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11:30 AM Agenda Topic

- 1. Identify inhibitors to adoption and resolve**
 - a. Convene state/regional/local workshops
 - b. Survey for attitudes and disincentives
 - c. Seek to solve operation and maintenance challenges

- 2. Improve practice tracking, reporting & verification**
 - a. Standardize definition translation between states, NRCS, and Bay model

- 3. Target key practices and communities, and seek innovation**
 - a. Reduce dairy and beef nutrient overfeeding
 - b. Exclusion buffers support riparian buffers goals
 - c. Evaluate incentives for unique producers (ex. Amish and Mennonite communities)

- 4. Expand awareness and increase promotion activity**
 - a. Partner with important local organizations
 - b. Flexible fencing options for flood prone areas (type and placement)

- 5. Plan and organize to achieve practice goals**
 - a. States develop specific plans for achieving LE goals by 2025
 - b. Identify necessary funding and technical staff requirements
 - c. Assess the status of livestock access to streams; know where you stand
 - d. Evaluate the success of livestock exclusion to contribute towards achieving local water quality standards and protecting public health
 - e. Evaluate the size and distribution of livestock operations to determine if targeting can achieve greater efficiency.
 - f. Set a threshold of BMPs to qualify for land use taxation benefits. (Virginia Phase II WIP)
 - g. Evaluate WIP top 5-7 agricultural BMPs to determine if implementation rates support WIP goals.