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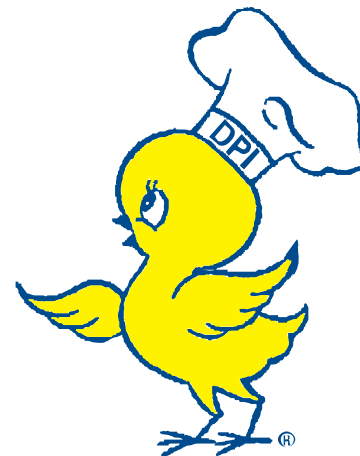
## DPI Helps Delaware Grower Try Pollinator-Friendly Buffer

A Milford, Delaware chicken farm is trying out an unusual kind of vegetative environmental buffer: one made up of plant species attractive to pollinating insects, like bees. Jim Passwaters, **DPI's** vegetative environmental buffers coordinator, collaborated with Hill Farms and the Delaware Department of Agriculture (which provided grant funding) to install the buffer between two chicken houses, and bordering a stormwater pond. What makes the buffer uncommon is the plants in it: flowering plants like purple coneflower, goldenrod and wild bergamot, selected for their ability to attract bees.

The buffer is intended to provide several benefits to the chicken farm:

- Attracting bees to the property naturally could lessen the need to rent beehives at certain times of the year, cutting an expense.
- The plants should provide the same benefits any environmental vegetative buffer would, capturing dust, blocking noise, providing a visual screen from neighboring properties, and filtering stormwater runoff to improve water quality.

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*Flowering plants wait to be installed at Hill Farms as part of a pollinator-friendly vegetative buffer.*



*Partridge pea plant is one of several flowering plants DPI selected to be part of the pollinator-friendly buffer.*



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- The buffer replaces what had been a grassy meadow; having a buffer there instead will reduce mowing time and costs.
- Planting a pollinator-friendly buffer is also a way to generate public interest in the farm's conservation practices. **DPI** produced a social media video about the project – you can see it at [youtu.be/54hm3jneeeA](https://youtu.be/54hm3jneeeA) – and newspaper and television reporters also expressed interest in producing stories about the effort.

Passwaters planted the buffer in early May. As its plants grow and flower, he explained, members of

Milford High School's FFA chapter will conduct pollinator counts, comparing the number of bees at the new buffer to a conventional-species control buffer on the farm. That survey will help **DPI** and the farm determine if the mix of plants picked for this buffer is effective. "If this turns out to be successful, then we anticipate doing it on more poultry farms," Passwaters said.

If you want to learn more about pollinator-friendly buffers, or simply want help designing a conventional vegetative environmental buffer on your farm, contact Jim Passwaters at [passwaters@dpickicken.com](mailto:passwaters@dpickicken.com) or call us at 302-236-0470. 🌱

## New Delaware CAFO Permit Covers No-Land Chicken Growers



Delaware no-land chicken growers should apply for a new CAFO permit, and the Delaware Department of Agriculture and Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control are ready to assist growers in the process.

In 2016, the first CAFO General Permit covering medium and large poultry farms in Delaware as a group was approved by a joint Secretaries order from Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) and Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). The General Permit allows for a more streamlined administration of similar size and type farms. The permit's focus is on limiting the discharge of pollutants and allowing for enforcement actions if these limitations are exceeded. The General Permit language was developed utilizing the Delaware CAFO regulations, the 1999 Nutrient Management Law and the EPA Permit Writers' Manual.

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Obtaining and maintaining your “Delaware CAFO General Permit 1: No-Land Application” is a four-step process.

**Step 1: Notice of Intent.** The Notice of Intent (NOI) form is the formal application for CAFO permit coverage. Each farm must complete a valid Notice of Intent.

The NOI should be an accurate representation of your Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). All values for total confined animals, annual manure generation, manure storage and capacity, annual manure export, and animal mortality system should match your Nutrient Management Plan. Farms that have a no-land NMP should match their manure exported annually value to their manure generation value.

New farms or farms in the process of obtaining a new plan should communicate their situation with the DDA Nutrient Management Program, by calling one of the listed CAFO program coordinators. Once you have received your new Nutrient Management Plan, complete the NOI and submit it to the DDA Nutrient Management Program.

**Step 2: Comprehensive Nutrient Management Review.** Once the Nutrient Management Program has a copy of a farm’s Notice of Intent and the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP), the Delaware Department of Agriculture will review the paperwork to ensure the CNMP is valid, and the NOI matches the CNMP. If no other additional information is required, then the farm will be placed into the line for the next wave of public notice batching. For the life of your CAFO permit, you must have an up-to-date and accurate nutrient management plan on file with the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

**Step 3: Public Notice.** The provisions of the CAFO permit requires that all participating farms are subject to a public notice period of thirty days on DNREC’s CAFO web page (<http://bit.ly/2mUgCbZ>), and a one-day notice in the Delaware State News and The News Journal. During the public notice period any interested party may file a formal request, via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to view a farm’s Notice of Intent and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, with all personal contact information removed. Once the public notice period has completed without a hearing request or challenge, a farm will have obtained coverage under the CAFO permit.

**Step 4: Routine inspection.** All farms that have received full coverage under the CAFO permit will be subject to at least one on-farm inspection within the five-year permit term to ensure compliance with the farm’s nutrient management plan and all provisions of the CAFO permit. Typically, on-farm visits will be scheduled a minimum of 48 hours in advance with the owner/farm operator.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact a CAFO Program Coordinator. They are:

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## Learn About Subsurface Manure Application Tech




A regional collaborative effort, the Chesapeake Bay Subsurface Application of Manure (SAM) Initiative, has been working to develop poultry litter injection technologies for use on farms in the region. The project team includes agronomists and engineers from the University of Delaware, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Pennsylvania State University, USDA-Agricultural Research Service laboratories in Pennsylvania and Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Cornell University, and Oklahoma State University, as well as non-profit groups such as Sustainable Chesapeake and the Sassafras River Association.

The project team is inviting persons interested in poultry litter land application to participate in a July 6 meeting at the Wye Research and Education Center near Queenstown, Maryland to 1) learn about work to date; and 2) offer feedback to the team on next steps needed to bring poultry litter injection technologies to farms in the region. Farmers who use poultry litter would be especially valuable in terms of providing the team with valuable insight in terms of next steps.

To register for the 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. meeting on July 6, visit <http://tinyurl.com/manuresubsurface>. For more information, contact Nancy Nunn at The Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology: 410-827-8056.

The project is made possible by support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the USDA Conservation Innovation Grant Program, and the Maryland Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund.




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# Grower Committee Aims To Boost Relevance

*By Mack McCary  
Grower Committee Chairman*



*Mack McCary, left, talks with Kathy Willms, a Grower Committee member, at the committee's recent meeting.*

More than most state and regional chicken industry groups, **DPI** relies on chicken growers for thoughtful leadership, and in turn, it does more for the good of chicken growers as a whole. But we know there is always room to do better. So the group of growers who make up the Grower Committee, which I chair, is brainstorming ways of making **DPI** more relevant to all growers on Delmarva. Our goal is to better serve our grower members, and in the process, attract more growers to become members, which will strengthen our organization.

The Grower Committee met in early May to talk about how to fulfill this mission. Committee members discussed ways to reach growers who have never been members, and how we might persuade them to join. Many in the room said they suspected new growers who don't belong to **DPI** have never been advised what **DPI** does for them in terms of education, legislative affairs and county-level public policy. So at the committee's direction, staff have created brochures explaining **DPI's** role – and illustrating what problems would arise if **DPI** didn't exist – that can be shared with new growers.

Following the Grower Committee meeting and the meeting of the **DPI** Executive Committee a few days later where the decision was made to offer "new" growers a one year free membership, **DPI** staff developed a postcard that can be given to

new growers for them to send to the **DPI** office if they are interested in a one-year free membership. The growers would have to let **DPI** know of their desire to have the free one-year membership by sharing their names and contact information with us. We also discussed a welcome package for new growers and offering all growers **DPI** paid registration for the local Annie's Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational programs for women.

Since a key to retaining and attracting new growers to **DPI** membership is the work of the flock supervisors, we discussed several items related to them. Prior to the start of the Membership Campaign, **DPI** needs to meet with each company's flock supervisors, as we have done in most of the recent years, to make sure they are aware of what **DPI** is and what we do for growers.

The group also tasked us with redesigning a brochure that gives prospective grower members reasons to join **DPI**. The thought was to have updated literature available for flock supervisors and others to share with growers who don't yet have a clear sense of why **DPI** matters to them, or may not be familiar with **DPI** at all.

We also recommitted the Grower Committee to continuing its on-the-road meetings; conducting a survey of growers to find out what **DPI** is doing right, doing wrong, and could do more of to help growers; and possibly staffing a **DPI** booth at the Maryland State Fair.

At the Grower Committee meeting where all this was hashed out, three **DPI** grower-members stepped up to join the committee, and we are grateful for their commitment. If you are interested in joining the committee, or simply have an idea about how to improve **DPI's** services to growers, contact me at 302-436-5080. 🌟



## Worcester Changes Regs For New Chicken Houses



The Worcester County, Maryland Commissioners in April approved Bill 17-3, a bill creating additional rules related to the construction of chicken houses in the county. The bill was a vast

improvement over a proposed text amendment submitted by a Worcester County property owner last year that would have been unworkable and detrimental to chicken growers and persons wanting to get into the chicken growing business.

Among other things, the bill increases the required distance between new chicken houses and property lines, prohibits more than eight new houses on a parcel or plot, and requires vegetative environmental buffers on the chicken farms.

The County Commissioners rejected calls by two opponents of the chicken industry to

require a human health study and air filtering systems on chicken houses, among other suggestions.

Nearly two dozen chicken industry persons attended the public hearing in Snow Hill, including chicken growers, chicken company employees, representatives of companies that build and equip chicken houses, a leading agricultural lender, and two persons with Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.

Comments were made by Worcester County chicken growers Virgil Shockley and Alan Hudson, **DPI** Vegetative Environmental Buffers Coordinator Jim Passwaters, and **DPI** Executive Director Bill Satterfield.

Following the public hearing and without discussion, the commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the bill. 🐔

## Revised VEB Manual Now Online

For the first time since it was written in 2007, **DPI** has revised the “Vegetative Environmental Buffers Tool-Kit: A Guide to Vegetative Environmental Buffers for Tunnel-Ventilated Poultry Houses.” Vegetative Environmental Buffers Coordinator Jim Passwaters has revamped the manual to account for how best practices have changed in the past 10 years, including regulations in some counties that require stormwater management and others that call for three-row buffers and warm season grasses closest to tunnel fans.

“We have had the opportunity to experiment with different techniques and plant material. These experiments will continue as we find

that each farm, and each farmer, are different and have different needs and wants,” Passwaters said. “The modifications of this publication reflect the changes we have adopted during the past decade.”

The manual’s index of plant species has also been updated to reflect years of practical study on which varieties best suit the needs of a planted buffer, and a new section of the index shows the various benefits of four warm season grasses: miscanthus, prairie cord grass, switchgrass and eastern gamagrass.

To see the revised VEB Tool-Kit, visit [dpichicken.org/veb/](http://dpichicken.org/veb/). 🐔



## Ag Officials Urge Survey Participation Across Delmarva

Maryland Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse, and Virginia agricultural officials are urging farmers to participate in agricultural surveys by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). NASS is conducting two major mid-year surveys: the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey.

"NASS surveys produce the most credible agricultural data available," said Secretary Bartenfelder. "The information obtained by these upcoming surveys helps to inform everyone from farmers to lawmakers."

"As an \$8 billion industry, agriculture plays a major role in Delaware's economy," said Secretary Scuse. "The information that our farmers provide is critical to helping everyone make decisions that will impact our industry. It is critical that NASS has the most accurate data, so I urge Delaware farmers to participate in the June surveys."

NASS gathers the data for the June Agriculture Survey online, by mail, phone and in-person

interview. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm or ranch on that land. Growers provide information on crop acreage—including biotech crops—as well as grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents, land values, and value of sales.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released June 30. Survey data contribute to NASS's monthly and annual Crop Production reports, as well as the annual Small Grains Summary and USDA's monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates.

All reports are available on the NASS website, [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

For more information on Maryland NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Maryland Field Office at 1-800-675-0295. 📞

## Queen Anne's County, Maryland Zoning Code Being Examined

Work is underway in Queen Anne's County, Maryland to examine the zoning code related to the siting of new chicken houses in the county's rural areas. Several **DPI** grower members, plus the **DPI** staff, have been involved in those discussions. It appears few changes to the existing code will be made.

One exception is the possible elimination of the term "megafarm" when referring to larger than average size farms. Many in the chicken community find the term "megafarm" insulting

and negative. Opponents of the chicken industry often use "megafarm," "factory farm," and "industrial farm" to demonize larger than average family-owned chicken farms.

The Queen Anne's County officials probably are going to refer to **DPI's** guidelines to planning and installing Vegetative Environmental Buffers in the zoning code. We appreciate their support of our buffers program. 🌿



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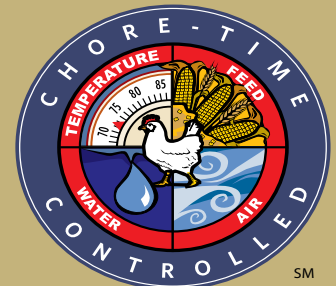
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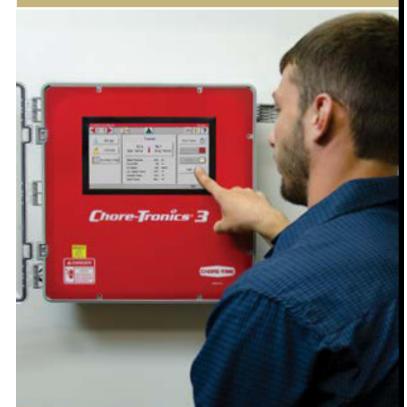
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"This recycling program protects the environment from possible contamination and gives producers and others an easy, free way to dispose of pesticide containers," said Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder. "We are very pleased with the response by farmers, commercial agricultural pesticide applicators and other pesticide users to this program."

In addition to removing potential contaminants through proper disposal, the program provides a source of recycled material for vendors.

The pesticide container recycling program is free and open to all agricultural producers and pesticide applicators. The Agricultural Container Recycling Council provides a chipper to grind the plastic containers into flakes, which are then transported to a contractor for recycling. The containers collected in Maryland have yielded 441 tons of recyclable plastic flakes.

Maryland's container recycling program is a combined effort of state, county and federal agencies, as well as private industry, working together to protect the environment. The program has been effective in reducing the landfill disposal of plastic pesticide containers and in allowing the plastic to be reused.

These are the places and times recycling will be offered on the Eastern Shore:

Nicholson Transfer Facility, Kent County: July 14, August 11 and September 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

MidShore Regional Solid Waste Facility, Talbot County: July 21, August 18 and September 15, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Newland Park Landfill, Wicomico County: July 28, August 25 and September 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Because of legal constraints, only residents from Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties are able to use the collection site in Talbot County. Lower Shore residents must use the collection site in Wicomico County. For additional information, or to schedule a chipping date at your site, contact Rob Hofstetter, special programs coordinator, Pesticide Regulation Section, Maryland Department of Agriculture, at 410-841-5710.

In Delaware, HDPE pesticide containers can be recycled on the third Thursday of April, May, June, July, August, September and October at the Sussex Conservation District, maintenance yard on Shortly Rd, Georgetown, Delaware (about ¼ mile west of Rt. 113 intersection with Shortly Road). If growers or commercial applicators have large quantities of containers to recycle (greater than 100), on-site pickup by the Delaware Department of Agriculture can be arranged by calling 302- 698-4571.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services says pesticide containers may be recycled in two Accomack County locations: the county landfill at 9400 Cutler Lane in Atlantic and Crop Production Services at 18432 Wachapreague Road in Melfa. For more information, contact Theresa Long at 757-787-1361.





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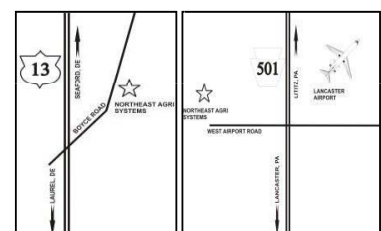
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## DPI In Brief

Recent efforts **DPI** undertook to improve the chicken industry include:

Participating in a daylong 'Poultry 101' symposium at Chesapeake College. Executive Director Bill Satterfield, along with **DPI** members Katie Winstead, Andrew McLean, Bill Darling, Jennifer Timmons, and Jenny Rhodes were among the speakers who addressed a crowd of about 100 people, speaking about day-to-day life for chicken growers and describing the scope and scale of the chicken industry.

Speaking to meetings of the Lewes, Delaware Rotary Club and the Wicomico County, Maryland AARP, sharing positive information about the chicken industry and answering questions about how growers and poultry companies bring chickens to market.

Working with WBOC-TV's Charles Paparella for a feature on William H. Williams's 1998 **DPI**-sponsored book about the growth of the chicken industry on Delmarva. Past **DPI** President Buzz Klopp was interviewed on-camera for the piece; he spoke about the economic importance of the chicken industry in the region. 🌱



*Jennifer Timmons addresses the Poultry 101 Symposium at Chesapeake College on May 10.*



*Buzz Klopp, left, a past **DPI** President, talks with WBOC-TV's Charles Paparella.*



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The Maryland Department of Agriculture's 2017-18 Cover Crop signup will run from June 21 to July 17 at soil conservation district offices statewide. This popular program provides grants to help farmers offset seed, labor, and equipment costs to plant cover crops on their fields this fall. Cover crops help control soil erosion, reduce nutrient runoff, improve soil health, and protect water quality in streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Governor Larry Hogan has allocated approximately \$22.5 million for this year's cover crop program.

Cover crops cost-shared through this program receive a base rate of \$45/acre and up to \$30/acre in add-on incentives for planting early and using other highly valued planting practices. Cover crops may not be harvested, but can be grazed or chopped for livestock forage for on-farm use after becoming well established.



Farmers should check their mailboxes for information on the 2017-2018 Cover Crop Program. Details are also available at [www.mda.maryland.gov](http://www.mda.maryland.gov) under "Hot Topics."

As we embark on a drive to attract more members to **DPI** and to better inform our current members, we're sharing with you these key messages about the important work our organization does to support the chicken industry. Feel free to share them with anyone you think could be interested in joining **DPI**.

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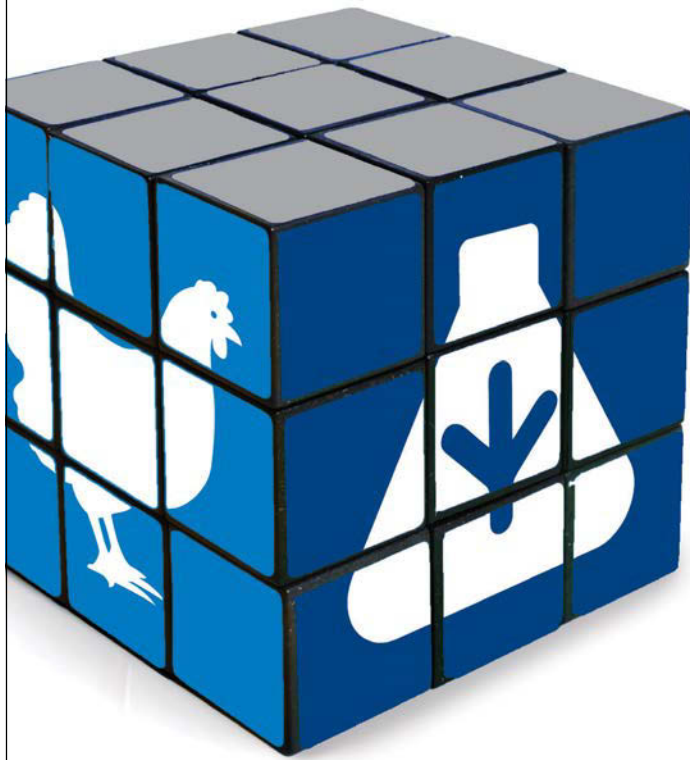
Free help for farmers designing and installing vegetative environmental buffers around chicken houses: **Gone**

A **DPI** college scholarship program that's given out more than \$108,000: **Gone**

The Booster Banquet, where outstanding growers are recognized and honored: **Gone**

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## Find Us At The Delaware State Fair

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We also will be present at the Wicomico County Fair, August 18-20 at Winterplace Park in Salisbury, Maryland. And we plan to exhibit at the July 24 Maryland Community Classic in Queen Anne's County. We'll be sharing

information about **DPI** and the chicken industry with hundreds of grain farmers and allied businesses.

If you're attending either event, please come by and see us – and if you know someone who'd like to learn more about the chicken industry, bring them, too! 🐔



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## Holly Porter Joins DPI As Assistant Executive Director

**DPI** has hired Holly Porter as its assistant executive director.

Mrs. Porter's responsibilities will include membership development and promotion, assisting the Communications Manager on outreach programs, expanding the association's public affairs work, serving as liaison with other poultry and agricultural associations, working with the Executive Director on event and meeting planning and implementation, and assisting the Executive Director with all aspects of organization management and policy implementation.

"I'm excited to begin working for the common good of the chicken industry," Mrs. Porter said. "Delmarva's chicken industry contributes \$3.2 billion annually to our economy, and it is absolutely central to the prosperity of farmers, businesses, and families from Accomack County, Virginia to Cecil County, Maryland. **DPI** plays a key role in keeping us strong and profitable. I intend to help our ranks grow with new members, and will work diligently to keep **DPI's** members informed and engaged."

Executive Director Bill Satterfield noted her outstanding background and enthusiasm as prime factors in her hiring. "We are fortunate to have Holly as part of our team with an eye toward her becoming Executive Director in early 2019," Mr. Satterfield said. "With her experiences at the largest agricultural lender on Delmarva and her marketing and policy work in Delaware government, she will hit the ground running to provide more services to our industry and our members."

Mrs. Porter comes to **DPI** from the Delaware Department of Agriculture, where she was a deputy principal assistant in the Office of the Secretary. Previously, she was a marketing specialist for the Delaware Department of Agriculture and also worked in marketing for



*Holly Porter is **DPI's** new Assistant Executive Director.*

MidAtlantic Farm Credit. She has served as the co-director of the LEADelaware program, as a committee member of the MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture Conference and as an advisory council member to the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education program. Mrs. Porter grew up on a grain farm on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and earned a degree from Marymount University. She and her family make their home in Caroline County, Maryland.



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## Plan Ahead During Hurricane Season



Hurricane season began June 1, and it is time to prepare – even if no storms are on the horizon.

Some scientists are predicting 11 to 15 named storms in the Atlantic basin this year. Of those

storms, four to six could become hurricanes. The Atlantic hurricane season typically runs June 1 to Nov. 30, but this year already has seen one tropical storm, Arlene, that made a brief appearance in April.

Here are things that chicken growers should do to prepare for a hurricane if one approaches:

- Check the operating condition of back-up generators. Have adequate fuel and filters for several days of operations. Make sure automatic starting systems are ready to go.
- Make sure there is adequate propane gas on the farm and arrange an earlier than normal delivery if necessary.
- Check the feed inventory and notify the chicken company if there is reason to believe a delivery will be needed before the next normal delivery.
- Make sure cell phones are fully charged and have extra charged batteries on hand in case land-line telephone service is lost.
- Secure outside objects so they don't blow and cause damage.

- Check security of roofing materials, chicken house siding, and windows/doors to make sure they will not blow off or blow open. Corners and edges of buildings are particularly vulnerable.
- Be sure drainage ditches are free of debris and are adequate to move large volumes of water away from the chicken houses.
- Make plans for larger than normal carcass disposal. Consider in-house composting if practical.
- Be prepared to keep birds longer than normal in case processing plants are unable to operate.
- Be sure that all equipment such as tractors and skid loaders are fully fueled.
- Put important documents into waterproof containers.
- Have cash on hand since some merchants without electricity might not be able to process credit and debit cards.
- If there is no electricity whatsoever, monitor house conditions more frequently and make adjustments as needed.
- If strong winds knock down trees, make farm lanes and houses accessible to delivery vehicles.

For more tips on disaster planning specific to farms and livestock, see [prep4agthreats.org](http://prep4agthreats.org).

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Applications for cost-sharing must be made in person at the offices, which are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sussex Conservation District will accept applications for the following practices:

- Cover crops
- Air seeder
- Tax ditch maintenance
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