Colleagues and Collaborators,

We are preparing to conduct the AFO and Small CAFO Regulations Professional Development Training as discussed last year, and we ask that you **SAVE THE DATES and plan to attend one of the trainings listed below**. These trainings will specifically focus on small livestock operations (<300 head) and corresponding environmental management. We again look forward to collaborating with you on this project to engage WV Agricultural Service Providers (ASPs) and farmer leaders in a program of education focusing on the rules and regulation regarding AFOs and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and best management practices (BMPs).

We ask that you **SAVE THE DATE to participate in ONE of the following workshops** that is most convenient to you. More details will follow**.**

**\*Please RSVP to Dee Singh-Knights (****DoSingh-Knights@mail.wvu.edu****) so that we can plan for lunch numbers. For the Morgantown event, please RSVP by COB Friday 2/8/13.**

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| **Date and Time** | **Venue** | **Counties suggested to attend** **(Not limited to these counties)** |
| Feb 13th 9.30 am to 3.00 pm (RSVP by COB 2/8/13) | WVU Animal Science Farm, Morgantown | Monongalia, Marion, Preston, Taylor Tucker, Barbour, Randolph, Upshur, Lewis, Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel, Marshall, Ohio, Brooke and Hancock Counties. |
| Feb 20th 9.30 am to 3.00 pm (RSVP by COB 2/15/13) | WVDA Moorefield Ag Complex, Moorefield | All 8 of the eastern counties in Potomac and Eastern Panhandle Districts: Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Mineral, Hampshire, Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan. |
| Mar. 6th9.30 am to 3.00 pm (RSVP by COB 3/1/13) | Braxton County, TBA | Webster, Nicholas, Clay, Kanawha, Fayette, Gilmer, Calhoun, Roane, Braxton |
| Tentatively March 13th9.30 am to 3.00 pm (RSVP by COB 3/8/13) | Monroe County, TBA | Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Mercer, Summers, Raleigh, Monroe |
| Tentatively March 20th 9.30 am to 3.00 pm (RSVP by COB 3/15/13) | Jackson County, TBA | Mason, Putnam, Wood, Wirt, Roane, Jackson, Cabell |

**\*In an effort to respect attendee’s time and existing expertise, the program contains a break midway through the morning session. Information presented before this break may be a review for some. Information presented after this break will likely be new to all. Please plan your attendance accordingly. The tentative program is as follows:**

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Resource Person** |
| 9.30 – 9.35 | Welcome | Dee Singh-Knights, WVU Extension and Resource Management |
| 9.35 - 10.00 | Conservation Planning Process | Steve Ritz, USDA-NRCS |
| 10.00 - 10.25 | Nutrient Management 101 | Tom Basden, WVU Extension |
| 10.25 – 10.50 | Cost of Implementing BMPs and Cost-Share Programs  | J. R. Wolfe, USDA-NRCS |
| All morning | Top 10 Best Management Practices (BMPs)  | All resource persons (to be integrated into the various topics) |
| **10:50 – 11:00** | **BREAK** |  |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | Overview of grant project and attendees role in project  | Dee Singh-Knights, WVU Extension and Resource Management |
| 11.15 – 11.40 | Understanding the CAFO Final Rule and how it applies to your clientele | Joshua Faulkner, WVU Extension |
| 11.40 – 12.05 | Alternative Production and Management Systems | Marlon Knights, WVU Animal Sciences |
| 12.05 – 12.30 | Keeping and Using Appropriate Records | Dee Singh-Knights, WVU Extension and Resource Management |
| 12.30 – 1.00 | LUNCH (provided) |  |
| 1.00 – 3.00 | Field Tour  | All resource persons |

\*Note: Please wear appropriate footwear for field tour.