

**Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative - Agriculture Working Group  
Meeting #7, March 13, 2024, 11 am – 1 pm on Zoom**

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1. **Welcome and Overview:** (5 minutes) (Stacy Cibula and Ryan Patch)
2. **Review and Discussion:** (60 minutes) Working Group Position Statement (Isaac Bissell) – *see email from Isaac on 3/8/24 for an overview of 3 options for the group to consider.*
3. **Break** (5 minutes)
4. **Discussion:** (40 minutes) Ag-related reports to reference in our report. (Stacy)  
*There is a large body of research that has done on the connections between biodiversity and agriculture, as well as other critical issues facing agriculture today. We want to hear the group's thoughts on which reports we should reference in our report to add support to our position. We have heard from several group members a desire to highlight the findings of the Payment for Ecosystem Services working group. Other reports we could reference include the Farm to Plate food security road map, New England Feeding New England report, the Farms Under Threats report – to name a few.*
5. **Recap and Next Steps:** (10 minutes) (Stacy)

**NEW DATE FOR PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE March 21 from 6 to 8 pm.**

**Must register for the roundtable in advance:**

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**RESOURCES**

**Agriculture Working Group Google Drive Folder:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jwZ-V-rzfndHIAsDzKfBat-lj-lpfC8Q>

**Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative Website:**

<https://vhcb.org/our-programs/VCSI>

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