

State Soil Conservation Committee

2025 Workplan*

**Subject to change based on timeliness and speaker availability*

Timing/Priority	Topic
Monthly	Supervisor Training: Short training as standing agenda item (5-15 min)?
	"Good News" stories from SCDs
On-going	Farm Bill/USDA Updates
	Budget shortfall: Impacts on agricultural programs
January	2025 Workplan Approval
	SSCC administrative housekeeping (closed)
February	Legislative Update (During-session) - 10 min
Feb/Mar	LEEF ¹ and BFF ² updates and opportunities
March	Forest Clearing Workgroup (1 st Update w/ periodic updates)
March-April	PFAS update
	Food Processing Residuals
	Pesticide labeling and conservation requirements
May	Bay Program Updates: 2024 Progress, WIP 2025, and Beyond 2025. What next? New goals? Update on model "re-run" and impact to the agricultural baseline
June	Legislative Update (Post-session)
	Property tax increases on equine facilities and other agricultural businesses that are being considered "commercial"
	Agrivoltaics- Overview of solar implementation on preserved farmland
June/July	MDE Updates: CAFO regulations and issues like on-farm incinerators (to satisfy CAFO permits)
	Consistency in regulations across the state on agri-tourism uses.
September	MDA updates: Nutrient Management regulations.
Sept/Oct	MACS Updates: Project cancellations (\$ reversion) & possible solutions, progress on small farm/low animal unit cost share
October	USDA Leasing Process (SCD offices) and Its Impact on Districts: Overview of timelines and requirements and how to navigate the process.
November	Reserved for priority topic
December	Workplan 2026 Draft Discussion
January (2026)	TBD in December

¹ Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming

² Bay-Friendly Farming