

Farmer Advisory Committee forms and first meeting held

On August 25, 2010 the WSI Farmer Advisory Committee was convened in Bridgewater, Virginia. The Committee consists of twelve farmers who represent the diversity of Shenandoah Valley agriculture who have either participated in WSI program during the 2009 or 2010 growing season. The FAC will meet two times per year to provide feedback to the WSI approach.

Among the topics under discussion were the findings from the WSI 2009 beta test report and the policy recommendations that became apparent from the project. The next meeting will be held in December 2010 or January 2011 where topics will include how to increase conservation revenue opportunities and ways to advance on farm waste to energy projects.