

# HARBORVIEW

# Life on the Front Line: A Farmer's Perspective



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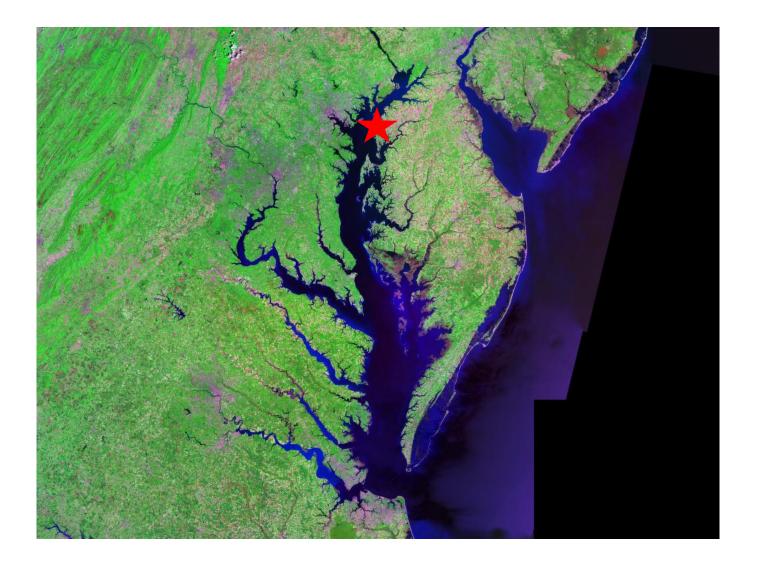
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation Eastern Shore farmer
- Environmental Steward
- Keynote Speaker

   NAS, Planet Forward, DuPont
   African & South African Ambassadors
- Family

oCheryl, Taylor & Clay



# HARBORVIEW FARMS





#### o Crops:

- Corn
- Soybean
- Wheat

#### o Seed:

• Pioneer

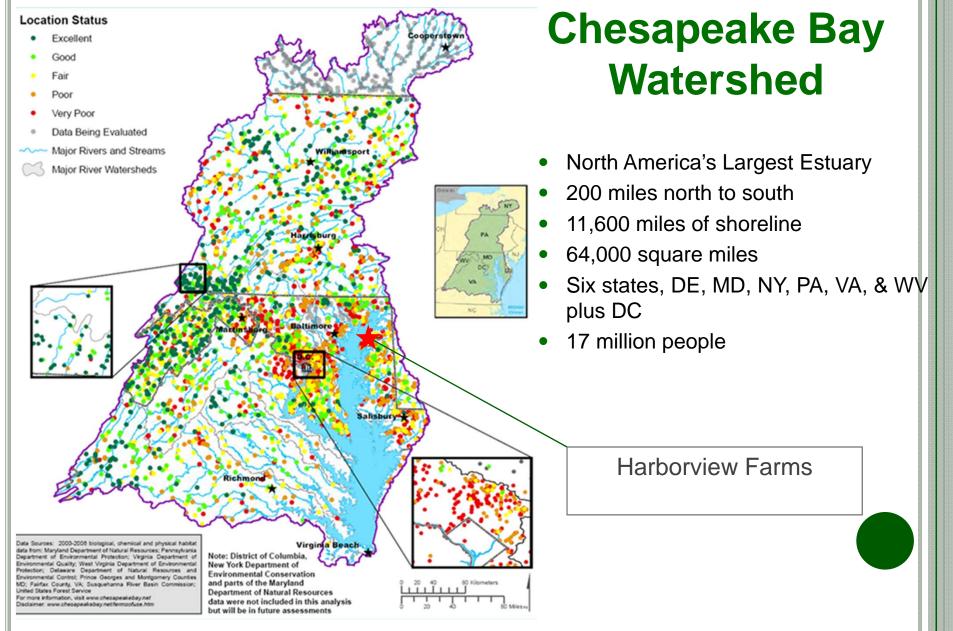
#### o Chemicals:

- Syngenta
- DuPont
- BASF



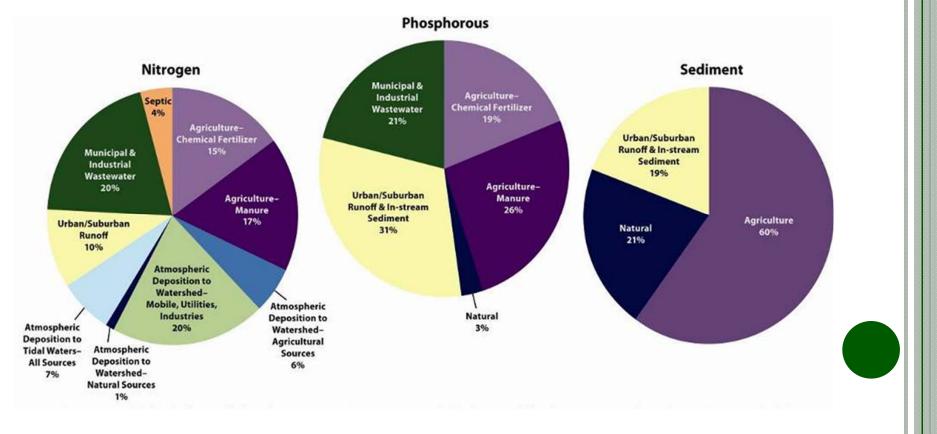
# Why am I here?

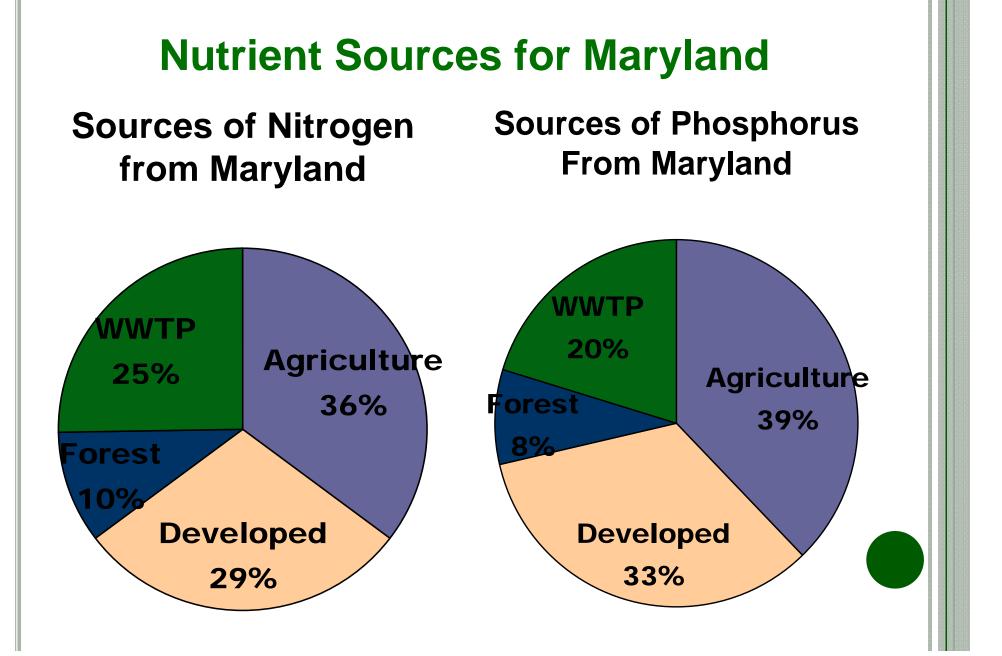
#### **Stream Conditions**

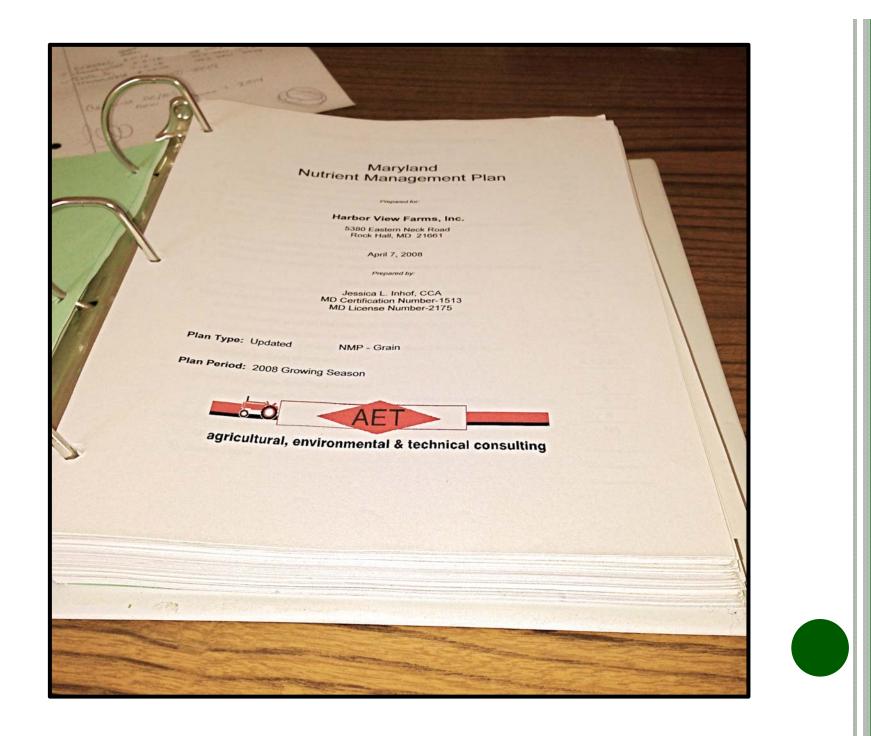


# **Main Sources of Bay Pollution**

Agriculture: animal manure, commercial fertilizer
Urban/suburban runoff - a growing problem
Air pollution: tailpipe, power plants
Wastewater: sewage treatment plants







## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (MANDATORY)

- Nutrient management Plan
  - no fall or winter application
  - annual mandatory soil tests
  - random state audits or record keeping/logs
  - strict manure laws
     Poultry industry

## **GREEN INITIATIVE AT HARBORVIEW**

o solar panels

### o upgraded dryer & chemical facility

o crop sensors



## GREEN INITIATIVE AT HARBORVIEW (CON'T)

- o recordation of maps
- o split nitrogen application
- o variable rate of phosphorous & nitrogen
- o precise soil sampling
- o boom shutoff & steering adoption of new chemicals & GMO seed
- o experimentation of polymer coated fertilizers

## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT: "INNOVATIVE STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES" (VOLUNTARY)

4% out of production

- CREP
- CRP
- Privately Funded Buffers
- Cover Crops (80%)





## WHO HARBORVIEW WORKS WITH TO ASSIST IN POLLUTION REDUCTION

#### **o** Chester River Association

- Ag outreach
- Switchgrass Planting
   Chicken bedding

#### o Chesapeake Bay Foundation

- Board visits to the Farm
- Cover crop funding
- o Sassafras River Association
  - Board member
- o George Washington University
  - "Planet Forward"

### WHERE HARBORVIEW IS GOING FROM HERE

o Drones

o Personal "Total Maximum daily Load"

o Cloud based electronics

# Why Do I Farm?

#### HARBORVIEW'S MISSION

#### o Public Relations

- Landowners
- General public
- o Growth
  - profit
- o Ag as a whole



#### **CULTIVATING THE FUTURE**

o Social media

- o Ag education
- o Raising awareness
  - Healthy Habits

### o Colchester Farms CSA



#### WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP...

o innovation

o technology

o overall growth capacity in conjunction with better nutrient control

