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Greetings from the Mid-Atlantic Region
of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

We are delighted to send you a copy of the recently published report, entitled "Maryland Agriculture and Your Watershed." You were specifically selected to receive this material because of your interest in information about characterizing agricultural production systems for environmental studies. It is our hope that this primer will stimulate similar efforts in other states in the mid-Atlantic region.

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate a method of displaying agricultural data in an environmentally relevant manner – by watershed. Traditionally, these data were portrayed on national, state or county levels. By following the method described here agricultural production and land use information can be studied more intensively in a manner comparable to most environmental quality facts.

The preparation of this report was made possible by a dynamic collaborative effort among the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Maryland. This research was conducted as part of the Mid-Atlantic Integrated Assessment (MAIA), an interagency, multi-discipline research, monitoring and assessment program to develop high quality scientific information on the mid-Atlantic region's natural resources: current conditions, stressors, trends, and vulnerabilities. An electronic version of this report and other MAIA products are available on the world wide web at www.epa.gov/maia.

We'd like to hear from you about the usefulness of the report. Please contact Frederick (Rick) W. Kutz, Mid-Atlantic Integrated Assessment, Environmental Science Center, 701 Mapes Road, Ft. Meade, MD 20755-5350, kutz.rick@epa.gov, 410-305-2742 with any comments and questions.

Sincerely,

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