

LOCAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

Thursday, APRIL 18, 2024 / 10 a.m. to Noon

FL Strawberry Growers Association / 13138 Lewis Gallagher Road, Dover 33527

- Help determine priority concerns for USDA/NRCS technical and financial assistance
- Priority resource concerns are for Fiscal Year 2025 (Oct. 1, 2024 through Sept. 30, 2025)
- If you cannot attend the LWG meeting, please complete and email your survey to: soilandwater@hcfl.gov / **Deadline: May 15, 2024**



Category 1 / SOIL

Rank concerns from 1 (highest) to 11 (lowest)

Category	Rank
(1) Sheet and rill erosion	
(2) Wind erosion	
(3) Ephemeral gully erosion	
(4) Classic gully erosion	
(5) Bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or water conveyance channels	
(6) Subsidence	
(7) Compaction	
(8) Organic matter depletion	
(9) Concentration of salts or other chemicals	
(10) Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	
(11) Aggregate instability	

Category 3 / AIR

Rank concerns from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest)

Category	Rank
(1) Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors	
(2) Emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs)	
(3) Emissions of ozone precursors	
(4) Objectionable odors	
(5) Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen	

Category 2 / WATER

Rank concerns from 1 (highest) to 20 (lowest)

Category	Rank
(1) Ponding and flooding	
(2) Seasonal high water table	
(3) Seeps	
(4) Drifted snow	
(5) Surface water depletion	
(6) Groundwater depletion	
(7) Naturally available moisture use	
(8) Inefficient irrigation water use	
(9) Nutrients transported to surface water	
(10) Nutrients transferred to groundwater	
(11) Pesticides transported to surface water	
(12) Pesticides transported to groundwater	
(13) Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications transported to surface water	
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(15) Salts transported to surface water	
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(17) Petroleum, heavy metals, and other pollutants transported to surface water	
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(19) Sediment transported to surface water	
(20) Elevated water temperature	

Survey To Determine Priority Concerns For USDA/NRCS Conservation Programs

Category 4 / PLANTS

Rank concerns from 1 (highest) to 4 (lowest)

Category	Rank
(1) Plant productivity and health	
(2) Plant structure and composition	
(3) Plant pest pressure	
(4) Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation	

Category 6 / ENERGY

Rank concerns from 1 (highest) to 2 (lowest) concern

Category	Rank
(1) Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities	
(2) Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations	

Category 5 / ANIMALS

Rank concerns from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest)

Category	Rank
(1) Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	
(2) Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms	
(3) Feed and forage imbalance	
(4) Inadequate livestock shelter	
(5) Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution	

**Thank you
for your
participation**