

Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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AUGUST 29, 2005

Corn Silage Increases

Sunshine and warm weather conditions resulted in farmers having **5.9 days suitable for field work** for the week ending August 28, 2005. Delaware farmers had little rain last week which allowed them to cut and bale **hay**, and harvest **watermelons, cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, and cantaloupes**. **Corn for silage** harvest doubled with 13 percent complete compared to 6 percent last week. **Soybeans** are progressing rapidly with 95 percent setting pods compared with 82 percent last year and 65 percent for the five-year average.

Fruits were in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 85 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Pastures were in generally good condition with 16 percent fair, 77 percent good and 7 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 13 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	29	22	19	27
Cantaloupes	80	68	77	80
Cucumbers	82	76	73	74
Lima Beans	41	34	56	24
Peaches	80	70	93	86
Potatoes	72	57	66	66
Snap Beans	89	83	95	87
Sweet Corn	81	74	76	77
Tomatoes	78	69	65	61
Watermelons	78	65	80	78
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Setting Pods	95	77	82	65
Corn Dough	94	81	98	90
Corn Dent	68	30	80	56
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	97	92	87	82
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	57	38	58	65

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	5	58	37	-
Topsoil (2004)	2	19	70	09
Five Year Average	11	11	64	14
Subsoil Moisture	-	25	75	-
Subsoil (2004)	8	11	72	9
Five Year Average	16	11	61	12

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2005

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.14	33.41	6.13	92	56	73	-2
Easton	0.37	31.28	1.55	92	57	73	-2
Frederick	0.15	28.01	1.89	91	55	71	2
Frostburg	1.00	27.24	-5.33	81	51	65	-2
Hagerstown	0.40	21.03	-4.77	89	54	70	-3
Mechanicsville	0.40	29.46	-0.83	90	56	71	-3
Patuxent River	0.01	29.91	1.77	92	61	75	2
Ocean City	0.06	31.22	0.34	92	57	74	1
Salisbury	0.09	33.25	2.33	91	50	71	-4
Sharpsburg	0.39	23.72	-2.40	92	49	68	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.49	29.20	3.50	94	62	76	-2
Delaware							
Dover	0.22	33.93	4.52	91	57	74	-2
Georgetown	0.02	30.23	0.23	92	56	75	2
Wilmington	0.20	25.61	-1.84	91	56	74	1

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.