

Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

Grain and Silage Harvest are Moving Forward

Sunshine with warm air temperatures allowed **corn** harvest for both grain and silage to move forward during the week ending September 18, 2005. The state continued to be mostly dry, allowing farmers **6 days suitable for field work**. Additional precipitation is needed to halt declining crop conditions. Over 33 percent of the corn for grain has been harvested and 97 percent of silage has been harvested.

Soybeans fields are turning color quickly and some are beginning to drop their leaves. Harvest should begin in about three weeks. Farmers are wrapping up their third cutting of **other hay** at 93 percent complete. Fourth cutting **alfalfa hay** is 52 percent complete. A few farmers have started their fourth cutting of other **hay**. **Apples** harvest continues with over 45 percent harvested 12 percent more than last year.

Pastures are rated 7 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 57 percent fair and 19 percent good. **Hay supplies** were, 30 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	45	40	33	46
Cucumbers	94	89	94	95
Lima Beans	82	75	90	46
Potatoes	94	89	100	99
Corn for Grain	33	23	43	25
Corn for Silage	97	92	78	67
Crop Progress:				
Corn Mature	84	60	92	68
Soybean Turning Color	48	37	48	30
Soybean Dropping Leaves	32	22	17	11
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	52	49	50	50
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	93	92	96	95

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	49	22	27	1
Topsoil (2004)	1	8	83	1
Five Year Average	3	15	73	9
Subsoil Moisture	26	46	28	-
Subsoil (2004)	6	6	85	3
Five Year Average	6	15	72	7

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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	0.55	33.96	4.19	90	57	76	8
Easton	0.41	31.93	-0.46	89	57	76	6
Frederick	0.02	28.26	-0.24	92	56	76	12
Frostburg	0.00	27.72	-7.24	86	51	70	9
Hagerstown	0.00	21.61	-6.34	89	57	75	9
Mechanicsville	0.00	29.46	-3.53	86	55	73	5
Patuxent River	0.16	30.07	-0.82	88	56	77	9
Ocean City	0.06	31.32	-2.14	86	52	75	6
Salisbury	0.24	33.64	-0.11	91	45	75	6
Sharpsburg	0.15	25.70	-2.80	91	53	73	10
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	29.21	1.09	90	62	79	8
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	35.25	2.70	88	59	76	7
Georgetown	0.21	30.49	-2.19	92	54	77	10
Wilmington	0.24	25.88	-4.01	90	59	77	9

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