



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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July 3, 2006

Vegetables Hit Hard by Excessive Rains

Significant rainfall early in the week caused damage to vegetable crops. Many fields were flooded and cucumbers, cantaloups and other vine crops were particularly hard hit with some fields being completely lost. Where fields had dried sufficiently, harvest began for **sweet corn, watermelons, tomatoes, and potatoes**. Harvest of **snap beans** advanced to 14 percent complete. There were **3.5 days** suitable for fieldwork.

The rains were beneficial for corn and soybeans. **Corn** condition was rated 33 percent excellent, 60 percent good, 6 percent fair and 1 percent poor. Corn is 16 percent silked compared to 13 percent last year and 18 percent average. **Soybeans** are rated 34 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 7 percent fair, and 2 percent poor. Soybeans are 83 percent planted and have just begun to bloom. **Barley** harvest is 87 percent complete compared to 94 percent last year and 87 percent average. **Winter wheat** is 39 percent harvested compared to 28 percent last year and 46 percent average.

The second cutting of **other hay** advanced to 33 percent complete while the second cutting of **alfalfa** advanced to 63 percent complete. **Pasture condition** is rated 10 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 33 percent fair, and 8 percent poor. **Hay supplies** are 13 percent surplus, 72 percent adequate, and 15 percent short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development				
<i>Percent</i>				
Barley: Harvested	87	67	94	87
Winter Wheat: Harvested	39	16	28	46
Field Crops				
Corn: Silked	16	0	13	18
Soybeans: Planted	83	78	88	79
Hay				
Alfalfa 2nd Cutting	63	43	68	58
Other Hay 2nd Cutting	33	22	36	50
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	5	0	3	1
Cucumbers	12	1	9	9
Snap Beans	14	3	4	12
Sweet Corn	5	0	3	3
Fruits				
Peaches Harvested	6	0	0	0

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	-	9	-	-	8
Short	6	7	26	10	21	22
Adequate	58	63	52	59	57	5
Surplus	36	30	13	31	22	11

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2006

Weather Station	Precipitation /1			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	5.30	18.52	-1.75	89	62	76	1
Frederick	6.51	21.64	1.45	90	61	75	4
Frostburg	1.27	18.73	-5.23	82	52	66	0
Hagerstown	7.75	17.62	-1.93	85	61	74	1
Mechanicsville	5.04	17.99	-4.67	87	62	75	2
Patuxent River	3.36	14.63	-5.87	86	65	76	3
Ocean City	0.39	13.73	-8.36	83	59	74	-1
Salisbury	2.53	18.81	-3.16	86	57	75	1
Sharpsburg	6.24	19.68	-0.51	88	55	73	3
Stevensville	5.12	19.33	-1.74	86	62	76	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	10.44	25.09	6.51	88	65	76	-3
Delaware							
Dover	2.15	17.22	-4.23	86	64	77	2
Georgetown	4.10	21.88	0.35	87	63	77	4
Wilmington	6.14	22.09	1.68	85	62	75	0

1/ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on reported date

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