



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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August 21, 2006

More Rain is Needed

Crop development is at a standstill except for irrigated fields. Corn is maturing rapidly. Soybean condition is deteriorating, especially double crop because of the dry conditions. Hay crops are no longer growing.

Corn and **soybeans** however, continue to be reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Corn condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 40 percent good and 27 percent excellent. Warm conditions have aided in soybean development as 60 percent have set pods; ahead of the 54 percent five-year average. There were **7.0 days suitable for field work**.

Apples were still rated in mostly good condition. Apples were rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 58 percent good and 24 percent excellent; while 12 percent of apples have now been harvested. Currently, 75 percent of peaches have been harvested; ahead of 69 percent this time last year.

Pasture condition was rated 9 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 2 percent excellent while hay supplies were rated 11 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops				
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn:				
Dough	79	79	80	79
Dent	51	35	27	37
Mature	23	5	10	10
Harvested for Silage	43	21	5	15
Soybeans:				
Blooming	87	82	85	79
Setting Pods	60	49	70	54
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay:				
3 rd Cutting	85	82	90	77
4 th Cutting	30	5	7	8
Other Hay:				
3 rd Cutting	58	51	38	45
4 th Cutting	13	6	0	3
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	68	59	66	65
Cucumbers	70	65	75	66
Lima Beans (Processed)	30	25	33	22
Potatoes	55	43	56	58
Snap Beans	84	75	82	81
Sweet Corn	73	69	72	68
Tomatoes	59	55	66	53
Watermelons	73	64	64	63
Fruits Harvested				
Apples	12	10	21	19
Peaches	75	70	69	75

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	40	24	14	9	3	20
Short	21	44	15	38	38	11
Adequate	39	31	54	53	58	56
Surplus	-	1	16	-	1	13

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 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	0.00	21.34	-4.92	90	62	78	3
Frederick	0.12	24.00	-1.30	91	57	75	4
Frostburg	0.07	21.88	-9.70	85	52	70	4
Hagerstown	0.00	20.91	-4.03	89	61	77	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.61	-5.64	85	56	73	-2
Patuxent River	0.08	18.56	-8.46	88	65	78	4
Ocean City	0.02	17.49	-12.03	88	58	77	2
Salisbury	0.03	23.82	-5.76	87	55	74	-2
Sharpsburg	0.15	23.83	-1.47	91	48	73	2
Stevensville	0.00	25.71	-1.34	88	66	77	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.61	4.87	90	68	80	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	24.15	-3.88	88	63	76	0
Georgetown	0.01	25.20	-3.40	88	61	77	3
Wilmington	0.00	28.37	1.77	91	62	77	3

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date

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