



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW2206

August 28, 2006

### Dry Conditions Worsen

Sunshine and higher than normal temperatures resulted in farmers having **7.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending August 27, 2006. **Topsoil moisture** rated 77 percent short or very short compared to 61 percent short or very short last week. **Subsoil moisture** is worsening as well to 65 percent short or very short.

Farmers cut and baled **hay** and harvested **watermelons, cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes,** and **cantaloupes**. A few farmers have started harvesting **corn for grain**. **Soybean** condition continues to decline with 31 percent of the beans rated poor or very poor.

**Pasture** was rated 16 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 28 percent good and 1 percent excellent, while **hay supplies** were rated 1 percent very short, 19 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<b>Corn:</b>				
<b>Dough</b>	92	79	92	90
<b>Dent</b>	78	51	63	55
<b>Mature</b>	55	23	21	18
<b>Harvested for Grain</b>	5	0	0	1
<b>Soybeans:</b>				
<b>Blooming</b>	94	87	98	91
<b>Setting Pods</b>	79	60	92	70
<b>Turning Color</b>	7	1	3	3
<b>Hay</b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay:</b>				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	86	85	96	85
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	33	30	18	18
<b>Other Hay:</b>				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	69	58	54	59
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	14	13	0	5
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	74	68	78	78
<b>Cucumbers</b>	76	70	81	73
<b>Lima Beans (Processed)</b>	40	30	40	27
<b>Potatoes</b>	87	55	70	68
<b>Snap Beans</b>	91	84	88	86
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	86	73	80	76
<b>Tomatoes</b>	75	59	77	61
<b>Watermelons</b>	82	73	76	77
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
<b>Apples</b>	14	12	28	24
<b>Peaches</b>	87	75	79	84

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	53	40	13	23	9	17
<b>Short</b>	24	21	21	42	38	14
<b>Adequate</b>	23	39	57	35	53	61
<b>Surplus</b>	-	-	8	-	-	8

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006**

Weather Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.47	21.81	-5.35	93	62	79	5
Frederick	1.07	25.07	-0.94	94	59	76	7
Frostburg	0.45	22.33	-10.12	90	55	71	6
Hagerstown	0.61	21.52	-4.18	90	62	76	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.61	-6.55	90	62	76	3
Patuxent River	0.12	18.68	-9.32	92	63	80	8
Ocean City	1.11	18.60	-12.12	92	59	76	3
Salisbury	0.01	23.83	-6.93	91	54	75	2
Sharpsburg	1.70	25.53	-0.48	94	56	74	5
Stevensville	0.47	26.18	-1.73	91	69	79	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.61	4.03	93	66	81	5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.06	24.21	-4.80	91	66	78	4
Georgetown	0.12	25.32	-4.51	92	62	78	5
Wilmington	0.79	29.16	1.82	91	60	76	3

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date

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