



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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October 16, 2006

### Fall Temperatures Arrive

Fall has arrived in Delaware with highs in the 70's last week. Delaware farmers had **5.3 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 15, 2006. **Corn** for grain harvest is 70 percent complete, 7 percent above last week. **Soybeans** are dropping their leaves and farmers are turning their attention to their soybean crop. **Soybean** harvest has started with 15 percent complete. Planting of **barley** was 50 percent complete, well above last week.

**Pasture** condition was rated 6 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 24 percent fair 8 percent poor and 5 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 8 percent surplus, 55 percent adequate, 35 percent short and 2 percent very short.

#### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<b>Corn:</b>				
Harvested for Grain	77	70	84	82
<b>Soybeans:</b>				
Dropping Leaves	80	70	88	78
Harvested	15	10	16	12
<b>Barley: Planted</b>	50	25	49	51
<b>Winter Wheat: Planted</b>	16	6	14	23
<b>Hay</b>				
Alfalfa Hay: 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	89	88	60	77
5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	10	7	10	15
Other Hay: 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	45	39	11	52
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
Apples	88	82	78	78

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 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>	-	-	1	2	3	2
<b>Short</b>	2	1	9	9	11	14
<b>Adequate</b>	85	85	80	83	83	81
<b>Surplus</b>	13	14	10	6	3	3

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 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	0.03	31.41	-1.08	79	32	57	-2
Frederick	0.04	31.04	-0.34	81	31	56	3
Frostburg	0.18	28.04	-9.66	72	29	49	-2
Hagerstown	0.01	26.65	-4.07	77	32	56	-2
Mechanicsville	0.08	40.63	4.53	75	31	54	-5
Patuxent River	0.19	32.84	-1.05	77	36	59	0
Ocean City	0.07	29.94	-6.19	77	33	58	-2
Salisbury	1.00	37.28	0.54	81	29	57	-3
Sharpsburg	0.01	34.12	2.74	78	29	55	1
Stevensville	0.01	36.03	2.61	74	33	57	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.23	38.47	7.62	80	38	59	-2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.67	32.19	-3.40	75	37	58	-3
Georgetown	0.63	36.11	0.72	79	32	58	0
Wilmington	0.43	38.89	6.26	78	33	57	-1

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

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