



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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October 30, 2006

### Grain Harvest Still Progressing

Many Delaware farmers received more than an inch of rain last week. Weather conditions were cool and cloudy with periods of rain allowing **5.30 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 29, 2006. Despite the rain, **soybeans** made good progress reaching 37 percent harvested, slightly above last year and the five-year average. **Apple** harvest is wrapping up with 95 percent complete, up 3 percent from last week.

**Pasture** was rated 5 percent excellent, 61 percent good, 22 percent fair, 7 percent poor and 5 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 1 percent surplus, 67 percent adequate, 30 percent short and 2 percent very short. Farmers are finishing up their fourth cutting of alfalfa. Fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 25 percent complete, 9 percent above last year.

**Barley** was in good to excellent condition with 78 percent planted and winter wheat was in good to excellent condition with 46 percent planted.

#### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<b>Corn:</b>				
Harvested for Grain	93	88	92	92
<b>Soybeans:</b>				
Dropping Leaves	96	90	98	97
Harvested	37	23	34	33
<b>Barley: Planted</b>	78	66	91	86
<b>Winter Wheat: Planted</b>	46	28	44	54
<b>Hay</b>				
Alfalfa Hay: 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	94	91	71	87
5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	25	16	18	29
Other Hay: 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	56	50	13	63
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
Apples	95	92	92	92

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 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>	-	-	6	0	2	4
<b>Short</b>	1	1	11	4	6	14
<b>Adequate</b>	76	81	71	82	80	78
<b>Surplus</b>	23	18	12	14	12	4

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 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	2.27	35.16	1.33	63	36	49	-5
Frederick	2.03	35.07	2.25	64	36	46	-3
Frostburg	1.33	31.04	-8.13	60	30	38	-9
Hagerstown	1.53	29.55	-2.71	60	36	44	-8
Mechanicsville	1.43	42.98	5.34	66	34	48	-7
Patuxent River	1.37	34.95	-0.40	69	37	51	-4
Ocean City	3.04	34.33	-3.32	73	35	52	-4
Salisbury	1.80	40.23	1.95	69	34	50	-5
Sharpsburg	1.44	37.05	4.23	62	32	45	-5
Stevensville	2.23	39.13	4.31	65	40	50	-5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.79	41.05	8.86	64	39	50	-7
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.11	34.61	-2.38	69	38	50	-6
Georgetown	1.40	38.73	1.80	70	36	51	-3
Wilmington	1.85	42.64	8.75	67	34	48	-5

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

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