



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 15, 2006

Showers Helped a Little

Rain, averaging less than an inch across the state, helped corn germination, but did little to alleviate the precipitation deficit. Producers averaged **6.0 days suitable** for fieldwork. **Corn** advanced significantly this week to 86 percent planted and 40 percent emerged. **Soybean** planting is well underway with 14 percent seeded, compared to 11 percent average. There was some lodging from the rain reported in small grains but in general small grain condition improved slightly from last week. **Barley** is completely headed and is starting to turn. **Wheat** is 55 percent headed, right on target for this time of year.

Vegetable planting is advancing nicely. **Snap beans** are 52 percent planted compared to 37 percent average. **Sweet corn** planting, at 37 percent complete, is running slightly behind average and **green pea** harvest is just underway.

Pasture condition is rated 3 percent excellent, 33 percent good, 39 percent fair, 17 percent poor, and 8 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 40 percent adequate, 50 percent short, and 10 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Winter Wheat Headed	55	44	49	55
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	28	11	33	34
Cucumbers	21	12	23	20
Lima Beans (Processed)	7	4	17	8
Potatoes				
Snap Beans	52	40	22	37
Soybeans	14	4	8	11
Sweet Corn	37	29	41	45
Tomatoes	29	14	33	33
Watermelons	30	13	40	32
Corn: Planted	86	65	82	73
Emerged	40	30	38	40
Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting	28	14	28	23
Other Hay 1st Cutting	27	12	21	23
Strawberries Harvested	16	4	3	5

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	16	45	37	2
Topsoil (2005)	-	37	62	1
Five Year Average	8	19	59	14
Subsoil Moisture	8	39	51	2
Subsoil (2005)	-	5	93	3
Five Year Average	5	18	71	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2006

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.27	10.85	-3.42	80	45	60	-2
Easton	1.69	10.93	-2.51	80	43	58	-1
Frederick	1.44	13.23	-3.47	76	36	52	-4
Frostburg	0.72	7.89	-5.40	77	45	58	-3
Hagerstown	1.02	9.10	-6.90	76	44	58	-6
Mechanicsville	0.96	7.90	-6.39	74	46	60	-3
Patuxent River	1.34	7.60	-8.86	71	43	58	-4
Ocean City	1.82	9.42	-6.64	77	37	58	-5
Salisbury	1.40	10.04	-3.40	80	35	56	-4
Sharpsburg	1.16	9.67	-5.05	77	49	61	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.27	10.13	-2.80	78	50	61	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.45	9.28	-5.85	73	46	60	-4
Georgetown	0.59	7.37	-8.49	79	45	61	0
Wilmington	0.62	11.12	-3.37	79	48	61	0

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.

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