



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 30, 2006

Rising Temperatures, Dry Soil Conditions

The increase in temperatures this week in addition to little or no rain has affected crop development. There were **6.2 days suitable** for fieldwork. **Corn** germination is good due to the high temperatures in the 80's all week. **Soybean** planting has jumped remarkably with 50 percent seeded, compared to 24 percent last week. **Barley** is completely headed and 43 percent has turned. **Wheat** is 96 percent headed which is slightly higher than the five-year average.

Vegetable planting has continued to progress. **Snaps beans** are 72 percent planted compared to last week's 64 percent. **Sweet corn** planting has risen back to the five-year average at 61 percent complete this week. The good weather has allowed for more crops to go into the soil, but a good rain is needed for continued crop development.

Pasture condition is rated 6 percent excellent, 41 percent good, 35 percent fair, 15 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 2 percent surplus, 60 percent adequate, 35 percent short, and 3 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Turned	43	4	22	39
Winter Wheat Headed	96	88	98	89
Winter Wheat Turned	6	1	10	11
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	68	51	89	65
Cucumbers	31	29	39	29
Lima Beans (Processed)	24	14	30	20
Snap Beans	72	64	45	58
Soybeans	50	24	44	30
Sweet Corn	61	48	59	62
Tomatoes	50	41	79	60
Watermelons	70	53	87	64
Corn: Planted	98	92	97	94
Emerged	84	76	82	82
Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting	85	60	66	57
Other Hay 1st Cutting	68	38	50	54
Strawberries Harvested	50	28	20	33

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	30	34	34	2
Topsoil (2005)		1	90	9
Five Year Average	1	10	68	21
Subsoil Moisture	11	48	40	1
Subsoil (2005)		5	90	5
Five Year Average	3	14	75	8

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 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	0.03	11.20	-4.77	84	42	64	-3
Easton	0.11	11.49	-3.85	81	42	62	-2
Frederick	0.13	15.28	-3.53	73	33	56	-4
Frostburg	0.06	8.28	-6.83	82	37	62	-4
Hagerstown	0.36	9.95	-7.97	82	43	62	-5
Mechanicsville	0.11	8.60	-7.51	87	48	67	1
Patuxent River	0.25	8.77	-9.32	87	42	64	-3
Ocean City	0.17	10.61	-7.13	86	38	62	-4
Salisbury	0.09	10.63	-4.71	82	35	59	-5
Sharpsburg	0.14	9.94	-6.60	82	48	64	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.11	11.07	-3.54	83	46	66	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.01	10.07	-6.88	84	45	65	-3
Georgetown	0.00	7.85	-9.69	86	39	66	1
Wilmington	0.04	12.72	-3.52	84	39	63	-3

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

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