



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JUNE 12, 2006

Rains Improve Soil Moisture Conditions

Rain eased dry conditions somewhat, allowing producers to plant vegetables. There were **5.5 days suitable for field work**. Temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees below normal. Most planting is completed except for double cropped **soybeans**. The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 98 percent complete with the second cutting 26 percent complete. **Watermelon** and **cantaloupe** planting are nearing completion.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 8 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 25 percent fair 51 percent good and 3 percent excellent as harvesting has continued. **Winter wheat** is rated 7 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Pastures are in fair condition but rain is still needed for improvement to occur. Pastures are rated 6 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 32 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 32 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2006 (PERCENT)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average 2001-2005 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Small Grain Development: | | | | |
| Barley Turned | 77 | 70 | 89 | 90 |
| Planting Progress: | | | | |
| Cantaloups | 82 | 74 | 97 | 80 |
| Cucumbers | 43 | 36 | 57 | 48 |
| Lima Beans (Processed) | 39 | 30 | 55 | 36 |
| Snap Beans | 83 | 77 | 80 | 75 |
| Sweet Corn | 74 | 68 | 78 | 76 |
| Tomatoes | 73 | 58 | 94 | 76 |
| Watermelons | 80 | 75 | 99 | 81 |
| Corn: Emerged | 93 | 91 | 96 | 95 |
| Soybeans: Planted | 68 | 60 | 69 | 51 |
| Emerged | 50 | 35 | 51 | 38 |
| Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting | 98 | 97 | 97 | 83 |
| 2 nd Cutting | 26 | --- | 1 | 7 |
| Other Hay 1 st Cutting | 99 | 85 | 94 | 83 |
| 2 nd Cutting | 8 | --- | 3 | 8 |
| Strawberries Harvested | 82 | 66 | 74 | 76 |
| Green Peas Harvested | 48 | 18 | 31 | 34 |

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Condition | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil Moisture | 9 | 22 | 65 | 4 |
| Topsoil (2005) | - | 3 | 95 | 3 |
| Five Year Average | 1 | 9 | 71 | 20 |
| Subsoil Moisture | 9 | 42 | 48 | 1 |
| Subsoil (2005) | - | 4 | 94 | 1 |
| Five Year Average | 2 | 15 | 69 | 14 |

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 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 | 0.34 | 12.01 | -5.74 | 85 | 49 | 68 | -4 |
| Easton | 0.53 | 13.56 | -3.78 | 83 | 49 | 66 | -1 |
| Frederick | 0.10 | 16.07 | -4.76 | 76 | 43 | 59 | -4 |
| Frostburg | 0.08 | 9.01 | -7.92 | 84 | 48 | 67 | -3 |
| Hagerstown | 0.10 | 10.44 | -9.44 | 82 | 49 | 66 | -5 |
| Mechanicsville | 0.09 | 9.18 | -8.75 | 83 | 57 | 70 | -1 |
| Patuxent River | 0.70 | 9.87 | -9.86 | 77 | 51 | 66 | -5 |
| Ocean City | 0.70 | 11.78 | -7.64 | 81 | 39 | 65 | -6 |
| Salisbury | 0.41 | 13.21 | -4.13 | 83 | 41 | 65 | -3 |
| Sharpsburg | 0.20 | 11.89 | -6.47 | 80 | 51 | 68 | -4 |
| Washington, DC (Reagan National) | 0.19 | 11.31 | -4.93 | 85 | 54 | 70 | -4 |
| Delaware | | | | | | | |
| Dover | 0.49 | 11.36 | -7.41 | 77 | 50 | 66 | -6 |
| Georgetown | 0.26 | 10.72 | -8.50 | 81 | 51 | 67 | -3 |
| Wilmington | 0.54 | 15.09 | -2.79 | 78 | 51 | 65 | -5 |

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