



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW1506

July 10, 2006

Vegetables Struggle Due to Excess Rains

Rains early in the week gave the ground a soaking and some areas are now oversaturated. The rain was helpful to **corn** but damaging to vegetables. **Corn** was 40 percent silked; just slightly higher than the 36 percent five year average. The precipitation did not slow **wheat** harvest substantially however it had a greater impact on **hay** cutting and **bean** planting. **Barley** harvest is now virtually complete around the state. There were **3.8 days suitable** for field work.

Vegetables struggled due to the increased rain. **Cucumbers** and **watermelons** in particular by the excessive moisture. Very little vegetable harvesting was accomplished last week. **Snap beans** are now 27 percent harvested while **sweet corn** is 13 percent harvested. **Fruits** were in mostly good condition as temperatures averaged in the mid 70's all week.

Pastures were also in generally good condition with 3 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<u>Small Grain Development</u>				
<i>Percent</i>				
Barley: Harvested	97	87	98	97
Winter Wheat: Harvested	73	39	39	71
<u>Field Crops</u>				
Corn: Silked	40	16	24	36
Soybeans: Planted	87	83	98	90
Emerged	80	75	87	97
Blooming	9	4	3	4
<u>Hay</u>				
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting	71	63	77	73
3rd Cutting	13	0	0	4
Other Hay 2nd Cutting	54	33	49	62
<u>Vegetables Harvested</u>				
Cantaloups	9	5	5	4
Cucumbers	17	12	14	13
Snap Beans	27	14	9	21
Sweet Corn	13	5	6	8
Tomatoes	6	3	2	2
Watermelons	10	2	5	7
<u>Fruits</u>				
Peaches: Harvested	11	6	3	9

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	-	13	-	-	11
Short	2	6	25	3	10	24
Adequate	52	58	53	60	59	59
Surplus	46	36	9	37	31	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2006

Weather Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.48	20.00	-1.11	94	57	77	0
Frederick	0.71	22.35	1.33	93	56	75	3
Frostburg	0.81	19.54	-5.56	83	49	66	-2
Hagerstown	0.62	18.24	-2.08	92	57	74	-2
Mechanicsville	1.92	19.91	-3.73	93	57	74	-2
Patuxent River	1.05	15.68	-5.66	93	62	76	2
Ocean City	1.84	15.57	-7.36	91	56	74	-2
Salisbury	2.66	21.47	-1.41	92	53	74	-3
Sharpsburg	1.32	21.00	-0.02	92	53	73	2
Stevensville	1.94	21.27	-0.66	92	59	75	-1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.53	27.62	8.20	94	62	77	-3
Delaware							
Dover	3.06	20.28	-2.08	91	59	76	-2
Georgetown	1.82	23.70	1.45	93	60	76	2
Wilmington	3.68	25.77	4.40	90	57	75	-1

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date

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