



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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April 9, 2007

Snowy Conditions Delayed Planting Progress

There were 4.7 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 08, 2007. Cooler than normal temperatures and wet weather delayed some field activities. Farmers were able to make some progress with planting **green peas, potatoes** and **snap beans**. Cold temperatures and snowy conditions delayed progress on planting **field corn, sweet corn, watermelons, cucumbers, tomatoes** and **cantaloupes**. Fruit crops are starting to bloom with 35 percent of **peaches**, 30 percent of **apples** and 12 percent of **strawberries** already flowered.

Small grains remain in fair to good condition. **Winter wheat** was rated 16 percent excellent, 56 percent good, 26 percent fair, and 2 percent poor. **Barley** was rated 11 percent excellent, 72 percent good, 15 percent fair, and 2 percent poor.

Pasture condition is rated 10 percent excellent, 53 percent good, 24 percent fair, and 13 percent poor. **Hay** supplies are 3 percent surplus, 29 percent adequate, 46 percent short, and 22 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
Vegetables Planted				
Green Peas	38	20	62	38
Potatoes	36	23	55	28
Snap Beans	8	2	1	4
Fruits Bloomed				
Apples	30	7	20	9
Peaches	35	0	43	29
Strawberries	12	0	19	7

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	0	2	-	1	2	-
Short	6	11	-	9	17	-
Adequate	92	85	-	88	78	-
Surplus	2	2	-	2	3	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2007

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	0.70	9.47	-0.88	80	29	47	-4
Frederick	0.06	8.47	-0.75	81	29	47	2
Frostburg	0.70	9.92	-1.41	79	19	41	-3
Hagerstown	0.24	4.98	-4.05	79	26	46	-4
Mechanicsville	0.60	9.67	-2.07	83	28	49	-3
Patuxent River	0.27	7.64	-2.70	83	28	50	-3
Ocean City	0.44	8.62	-4.02	69	28	47	-5
Salisbury	0.01	10.26	-1.91	81	23	48	-4
Sharpsburg	0.05	8.91	-0.31	82	25	47	2
Stevensville	0.73	9.97	-0.83	79	29	47	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.40	8.33	-0.99	82	29	50	-4
Delaware							
Dover	0.93	8.12	-2.95	78	30	46	-6
Georgetown	0.96	10.09	-1.68	80	30	47	-3
Wilmington	1.01	11.00	0.75	79	28	46	-4

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

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