



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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April 16, 2007

RAIN DELAYS FIELD ACTIVITIES

There were 4.3 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 15, 2007. Delaware farmers experience significant amount of rain which delaying planting of corn. Air temperatures averaged below normal in comparison to last year, with temperatures averaging 44 degrees.

Small grains remain in fair to good condition. **Winter wheat** was rated 14 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 27 percent fair, and 2 percent poor. **Barley** was rated 9 percent excellent, 73 percent good, 16 percent fair, and 2 percent poor.

Pasture condition is rated 2 percent excellent, 70 percent good, 12 percent fair, 10 percent poor and 6 percent very poor. **Hay** supplies are 1 percent surplus, 26 percent adequate, 49 percent short, and 24 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<u>Vegetables Planted</u>				
Corn	7	1	7	5
Green Peas	54	38	75	52
Potatoes	53	36	74	40
Snap Beans	12	8	2	6
Sweet Corn	7	2	7	7
<u>Fruits Bloomed</u>				
Apples	31	30	31	20
Peaches	77	35	55	52
Strawberries	28	12	31	14

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 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	0	-	0	-	-
Short	0	6	-	1	9	-
Adequate	64	92	-	88	88	-
Surplus	36	2	-	11	3	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 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	2.61	12.08	1.03	62	26	44	-9
Frederick	1.95	10.42	0.43	56	28	41	-7
Frostburg	2.57	12.49	0.18	50	19	35	-11
Hagerstown	2.48	7.46	-2.34	53	29	42	-10
Mechanicsville	1.48	11.15	-1.36	68	27	44	-10
Patuxent River	1.42	9.06	-1.98	61	29	46	-8
Ocean City	0.91	9.53	-3.87	70	25	46	-8
Salisbury	1.00	11.26	-1.66	67	20	43	-10
Sharpsburg	1.71	10.62	0.63	56	25	41	-8
Stevensville	2.65	12.62	1.08	60	29	46	-8
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.44	10.77	0.85	61	31	46	-10
Delaware							
Dover	2.77	10.89	-0.96	59	28	44	-9
Georgetown	1.11	11.20	-1.39	65	26	44	-8
Wilmington	3.21	14.21	3.19	59	30	44	-7

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

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