



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW0507

April 30, 2007

SPRING PLANTINGS PROGRESS

Warm, sunny days have improved planting conditions and allowed farmers to continue planting. Average soil temperatures and air temperatures increased slightly this week. The number of **days suitable for field work was 4.8** for the week ending April 29th.

Fruit crops are in full bloom with **apples** at 80 percent, **peaches** 98 percent and **strawberries** 56 percent. Planting of **green peas, snap beans, corn, potatoes, and sweet corn** increased from previous week. **Watermelons** are at 6 percent planted.

Top-dressing of small grains continues as warm weather begins to seep into the region. Small grains are in good condition with **winter wheat** at 16 percent excellent, 73 percent good, 8 percent fair, and 3 percent poor. **Barley** condition is 8 percent excellent, 73 percent good, 16 percent fair, and 3 percent poor.

Pasture condition continues to be good with 10 percent rated excellent, 65 percent good, 11 percent fair 11 percent poor and 3 percent very poor. **Hay** supplies are reported as 1 percent surplus, 28 percent adequate, 56 percent short and 15 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
Planting Progress:				
Corn	20	9	42	32
Green Peas	73	62	83	85
Potatoes	72	56	98	78
Snap Beans	18	14	24	20
Sweet Corn	18	9	22	24
Watermelon	6	1	6	6
Small Grain Development:				
Barley	23	0	68	51
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	80	47	83	72
Peaches	98	90	96	87
Strawberries	56	29	48	42

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 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	0	-
Short	1	2	-	1	3	-
Adequate	82	69	-	78	81	-
Surplus	17	29	-	21	16	-

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