



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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May 14, 2007

Good Weather for Field Work Continues

Warm temperatures allowed farmers to work in their fields last week. There were **6.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending May 13, 2007. Air temperatures averaged in the high 30's to mid 80's last week. Planting progress was made for **cucumbers, potatoes, snap beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, cantaloupes** and **watermelons**. A small amount of progress was made for planting **corn** and **soybeans**, and **lima beans**.

Winter wheat is in good condition with 16 percent excellent, 72 percent good, 9 percent fair, and 3 percent poor. Grain heads are forming for many winter wheat fields and fields will start to turn color in the next few weeks. **Barley** is in good condition with 8 percent excellent, 71 percent good, 18 percent fair, and 3 percent poor. Grain heads have formed for most of the barley fields and a few fields are beginning to turn color.

Pasture condition was rated 10 percent excellent, 64 percent good, 13 percent fair, 10 percent poor and 3 percent very poor. **Hay** supplies were rated 1 percent surplus, 32 percent adequate, 51 percent short, and 16 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
Planting Progress				
Cucumbers	20	10	20	20
Lima Beans	6	1	7	8
Potatoes	99	94	99	95
Snap Beans	35	28	49	37
Soybeans	14	4	13	11
Sweet Corn	42	31	36	42
Tomatoes	29	13	27	29
Cantaloup	25	11	26	32
Watermelon				
Corn: Planted	83	55	83	75
Emerged	52	15	39	39
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 1st cutting	27	6	26	22
Other Hay 1st cutting	20	5	25	22
Small Grain Development				
Barley Headed	99	81	99	91
Winter Wheat Headed	38	14	53	52
Fruit Crops Blooming				
Apples	100	97	99	96
Strawberries	99	68	92	88
Strawberries: Harvested	5	2	11	5

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	1	2	-	1	1	-
Short	17	7	-	6	3	-
Adequate	75	82	-	77	80	-
Surplus	7	9	-	16	16	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 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	0.13	13.93	-0.22	85	36	64	3
Frederick	0.44	13.03	-0.28	83	37	63	6
Frostburg	0.05	13.49	-3.05	83	38	60	6
Hagerstown	0.80	8.92	-4.24	82	36	64	4
Mechanicsville	0.32	13.59	-2.28	83	36	61	-2
Patuxent River	0.42	11.78	-2.39	81	44	64	2
Ocean City	0.16	12.74	-3.61	78	47	60	-2
Salisbury	0.43	14.98	-0.96	84	37	62	1
Sharpsburg	0.47	12.42	-0.89	84	37	62	5
Stevensville	0.47	15.72	0.89	83	40	64	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.93	13.08	0.27	86	44	66	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.42	14.92	-0.34	83	39	62	-1
Georgetown	0.49	13.95	-1.79	84	41	63	4
Wilmington	0.26	18.80	4.44	83	39	64	4

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

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