



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Dry Conditions Continue

August 13, 2007

Delaware farmers experienced above normal temperatures and a few spotty showers last week. **Corn** continues to progress slowly, with 65 percent in the dough stage; below the five year average of 73 percent. **Sweet corn** harvest is on schedule with 68 percent harvested compared with 67 percent last year and 60 percent for the five-year average. There were **6.7 days suitable for field work**.

Apples were rated 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 63 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

Pastures were in generally good condition with 39 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 11 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 7 percent very short, 58 percent short, 30 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005	
<i>Percent</i>					
<u>Field Crops</u>					
Corn	Dough	65	54	76	73
	Dent	44	33	32	27
	Mature	11	10	4	6
Soybeans	Blooming	81	67	78	64
	Setting Pods	33	21	45	32
<u>Hay</u>					
Alfalfa Hay	3rd Cutting	74	68	78	63
	4th Cutting	5	0	4	2
Other Hay	2nd Cutting	97	95	100	97
	3rd Cutting	21	19	47	36
<u>Vegetables Harvested</u>					
	Cantaloups	56	43	57	54
	Cucumbers	53	43	63	61
	Lima Beans	7	5	24	23
	Potatoes	32	23	42	48
	Snap Beans	59	51	75	73
	Sweet Corn	68	57	67	60
	Tomatoes	54	35	53	42
	Watermelons	59	45	62	56
<u>Fruits Harvested</u>					
	Apples	19	11	9	13
	Peaches	75	65	68	66

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	41	50	-	41	42	-
Short	34	39	-	28	35	-
Adequate	25	11	-	31	23	-
Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 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	0.56	20.56	-4.66	102	61	82	6
Frederick	1.85	23.40	-1.10	97	63	80	8
Frostburg	1.84	25.87	-4.65	92	57	73	6
Hagerstown	1.48	15.09	-8.97	98	62	80	6
Mechanicsville	0.31	19.69	-8.52	99	61	81	6
Patuxent River	1.60	18.58	-7.27	100	64	82	7
Ocean City	0.56	17.14	-10.94	102	59	81	6
Salisbury	0.48	19.31	-8.84	98	52	79	3
Sharpsburg	0.74	20.42	-4.08	98	62	79	7
Stevensville	0.60	21.50	-4.75	100	62	82	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.41	18.05	-5.66	102	67	84	5
Delaware							
Dover	0.48	21.11	-6.06	100	62	81	5
Georgetown	0.20	18.16	-8.94	99	58	80	5
Wilmington	1.43	26.86	1.11	97	60	81	5

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

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