



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW2707

### Still Dry

September 24, 2007

Delaware farmers experienced some light spotty rains but overall conditions are still dry. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work for the week ending September 23, 2007.

**Corn** is rated 33 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 23 percent good and 5 percent excellent. **Soybeans** are 21 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 25 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

**Apples** are 50 percent harvested. **Vegetables** harvest continues. Fall cole crop harvest started.

**Pastures** were in very poor to good condition with 31 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 10 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

**Hay supplies** were 34 percent very short, 44 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b><u>Field Crops</u></b>				
<b>Corn</b> <b>Mature</b>	90	80	96	90
<b>Harvested for Grain</b>	40	20	32	41
<b>Soybeans</b> <b>Turning Color</b>	60	43	53	52
<b>Dropping Leaves</b>	32	24	34	31
<b>Barley</b> <b>Planted</b>	5	0	3	2
<b><u>Hay</u></b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	47	37	56	52
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	6	0	0	0
<b><u>Vegetables Harvested</u></b>				
<b>Cucumbers</b>	93	86	91	94
<b><u>Fruits Harvested</u></b>				
<b>Apples</b>	50	43	48	49

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average
<b>Very Short</b>	20	10	-	18	15	-
<b>Short</b>	72	59	-	64	64	-
<b>Adequate</b>	8	31	-	18	21	-
<b>Surplus</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 2007**

Weather Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	23.43	-6.89	88	45	66	-2
Frederick	0.04	26.13	-2.92	88	42	64	2
Frostburg	0.00	31.59	-3.91	80	36	59	-1
Hagerstown	0.00	18.74	-9.71	89	42	65	-1
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.15	-10.44	81	46	63	-5
Patuxent River	0.01	21.49	-10.00	86	50	68	2
Ocean City	0.53	21.62	-12.34	80	54	69	2
Salisbury	0.00	22.18	-12.13	85	44	65	-3
Sharpsburg	0.00	24.33	-4.72	86	38	63	1
Stevensville	0.08	24.74	-6.61	85	53	66	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	21.72	-6.95	84	50	69	-2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.38	24.97	-8.29	85	51	67	-2
Georgetown	0.15	22.41	-10.77	85	49	66	-1
Wilmington	0.21	29.31	-1.14	84	46	66	-1

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date

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