



DE-CW2807

# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



October 1, 2007

### Apple Harvest Underway

Delaware farmers experienced another week of dry conditions, resulting in an average of **7.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 30, 2007. Farmers took advantage of the dry days to harvest corn and plant small grains. **Soybean** condition is rated 2 percent excellent, 20 percent good, 20 percent fair, 35 percent poor, and 23 percent very poor. Corn condition is rated 34 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 23 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Corn** harvested for grain progressed 15 percent from the previous week to 55 percent complete.

**Apple** harvest is moving along. Farmers harvested 65 percent of **apples** by week's end, 15 percent ahead of last week and 5 percent ahead of the five-year average.

**Pastures** are rated 32 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 8 percent good and 1 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 34 percent very short, 46 percent short, 19 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

#### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<b>Corn</b> <b>Mature</b>	97	90	100	97
<b>Harvested for Grain</b>	55	40	51	55
<b>Soybeans</b> <b>Turning Color</b>	76	60	69	66
<b>Dropping Leaves</b>	45	32	46	45
<b>Barley</b> <b>Planted</b>	12	5	11	12
<b>Hay</b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	56	47	80	64
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	13	6	2	2
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
<b>Apples</b>	65	50	69	60

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 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>	35	20	-	22	18	-
<b>Short</b>	55	72	-	64	64	-
<b>Adequate</b>	10	8	-	14	18	-
<b>Surplus</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 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	-7.62	93	48	71	8
Frederick	0.35	26.48	-3.34	92	47	70	11
Frostburg	0.59	32.18	-4.02	85	44	64	7
Hagerstown	0.87	19.61	-9.54	91	47	70	8
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.15	-11.28	86	47	68	5
Patuxent River	0.00	21.49	-10.80	90	52	73	9
Ocean City	0.00	21.62	-13.01	81	50	69	5
Salisbury	0.00	22.18	-12.90	89	40	67	3
Sharpsburg	0.41	24.74	-5.08	93	43	68	9
Stevensville	0.00	24.74	-7.38	88	49	71	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	21.72	-7.65	89	55	74	7
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.00	24.97	-9.22	90	49	71	6
Georgetown	0.00	22.41	-11.47	90	48	70	8
Wilmington	0.00	29.31	-1.90	92	51	72	9

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

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