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# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



October 9, 2007

### Dry, Dry weather continues

Delaware farmers experienced another week of dry conditions, resulting in an average of **7.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 7, 2007. No rain reported in the state which is affecting small grain plantings.

**Soybean** condition is rated 23 percent very poor, 35 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 20 percent good and 2 percent excellent. **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 is 63 percent and **Soybeans** harvested is 8 percent.

Fall **fruits** and **vegetables** are being marketed at many road side stands.

**Pastures** are rated 32 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 27 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 OCTOBER 7, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Field Crops</b>				
Corn Mature	98	97	100	99
Harvested for Grain	63	55	68	73
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	52	45	67	62
Soybeans Harvested	8	2	9	8
Barley Planted	31	12	23	29
Winter Wheat Planted	5	2	6	11
<b>Hay</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	64	56	87	69
Alfalfa Hay 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	18	13	6	7
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	50	0	39	36
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
Apples	75	65	81	71

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 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>	38	35	-	24	22	-
<b>Short</b>	54	55	-	66	64	-
<b>Adequate</b>	8	10	-	10	14	-
<b>Surplus</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 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	-8.32	85	50	71	10
Frederick	0.00	26.48	-4.1	89	48	69	13
Frostburg	0.00	32.18	-4.72	80	46	64	11
Hagerstown	0.00	19.61	-10.24	85	53	70	11
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.15	-12.07	81	47	67	7
Patuxent River	0.01	21.50	-11.56	81	55	72	11
Ocean City	0.00	21.62	-13.71	77	66	72	10
Salisbury	0.00	22.18	-13.67	86	43	70	9
Sharpsburg	0.00	24.74	-5.84	89	43	69	12
Stevensville	0.00	24.74	-8.12	82	53	70	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	21.72	-8.35	84	58	73	10
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.00	24.97	-10.04	82	51	70	7
Georgetown	0.00	22.41	-12.17	84	50	71	11
Wilmington	0.00	29.31	-2.6	84	51	70	10

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

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