



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



DE-CW3207

October 29, 2007

### Rains Finally Ease Dry Conditions

Delaware farmers had **3.3 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 28, 2007. Farmers received some much needed rain last week but are still 7 to 10 inches below normal.

**Barley** is 64 percent planted and **Winter Wheat** is 81 percent planted. **Barley** condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 12% fair, 81% good, 61% excellent. **Winter Wheat** condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 14% fair, 78% good, 7% excellent

**Soybean** condition is rated 22 percent very poor, 36 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 20 percent good and 2 percent excellent. **Corn** harvest is winding down and **Soybean** harvest is well underway. **Corn** harvested for grain is 91 percent and **Soybeans** harvested is 33 percent.

**Pastures** are rated 30 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 17 percent good and 1 percent excellent. Some farmers are starting their fifth cutting of **Alfalfa Hay**. **Hay** supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 59 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

#### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<b>Corn Harvested for Grain</b>	91	0	92	94
<b>Soybeans Dropping Leaves</b>	94	82	95	96
<b>Soybeans Harvested</b>	33	29	35	30
<b>Barley Planted</b>	81	64	76	84
<b>Winter Wheat Planted</b>	47	31	43	51
<b>Winter Wheat Emerged</b>	25	0	0	0
<b>Hay</b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	80	70	94	85
<b>Alfalfa Hay 5<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	26	21	24	25
<b>Other Hay 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	64	56	55	57

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 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>	-	6	-	13	19	-
<b>Short</b>	17	52	-	33	59	-
<b>Adequate</b>	72	42	-	52	22	-
<b>Surplus</b>	11	-	-	2	-	-

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 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	5.44	29.28	-4.45	81	47	64	11
Frederick	2.92	30.31	-2.40	81	44	60	11
Frostburg	2.74	35.65	-3.41	76	37	54	8
Hagerstown	2.66	23.34	-8.81	77	44	60	9
Mechanicsville	4.64	28.08	-9.45	79	44	61	8
Patuxent River	4.13	25.94	-9.30	84	50	68	15
Ocean City	3.33	26.30	-11.24	81	52	68	14
Salisbury	1.70	24.92	-13.25	83	45	67	13
Sharpsburg	3.39	28.95	-3.76	81	42	59	10
Stevensville	3.82	29.82	-5.14	79	48	62	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	6.19	28.28	-3.81	82	52	66	11
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	3.55	30.45	-6.70	80	50	65	11
Georgetown	2.29	27.21	-9.61	82	49	67	14
Wilmington	3.35	35.23	1.43	81	49	64	12

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

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