



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW 08-08

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### Late Week Sun Advanced Field Work

For the week ending, May 25, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.7 days** in **Maryland** and **5.0 days** in **Delaware**. Drying weather towards the end of the week helped considerably to aid farmers in field activity. One crop reporter in Southeastern Maryland reported: *“Many wheat and barley fields have picked up after lodging. Barley is just starting to turn. Vegetable planting was delayed by heavy rains, but farmers are catching up now.”*

**Hay** harvest has resumed with farmers reporting good yields. **Hay supplies** continue to be reported as short to adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Apples** and **peaches** were reported at 100% bloomed in both states. **Fruit** crops such as **watermelon** and **cantaloupes** were above or near 40% planted. Vegetables are in need of warm weather after the past few weeks of heavy rains. **Lima beans**, **sweet corn**, **tomatoes**, and **snap beans** were reported as having a significant amount planted in both Maryland and Delaware. **Potatoes** were looking good with both states at nearly 100% planted. **Barley** fields are turning quickly and **Wheat** fields were reported in good to excellent condition. **Corn** and **soybean** planting has resumed although some fields were still too wet for planting. The need for replanting is a concern in some counties, while increased levels of salt in fields is an issue in tidal flooded areas. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	48	25	82	51	55	35	67	58
Apples, bloomed	100	100	100	99	100	99	100	99
Barley, headed	100	97	97	97	98	98	100	97
Barley, turned	30	5	17	18	44	5	16	20
Cantaloup, planted	57	41	60	58	36	19	51	63
Corn, planted	90	70	91	89	90	82	97	93
Corn, emerged	66	42	72	73	73	64	83	79
Cucumbers, planted	37	32	27	35	22	18	36	32
Green Peas, planted	98	93	47	60	100	100	73	66
Green Peas, harvested	8	0	16	16	0	0	4	6
Lima Beans, planted	32	20	54	35	8	2	13	16
Other Hay, 1st cutting	40	22	68	44	59	49	40	47
Peaches, bloomed	100	100	93	76	100	100	100	79
Potatoes, planted	99	99	98	97	100	99	99	97
Snap Beans, planted	40	31	29	40	35	29	53	57
Soybeans, planted	22	13	37	32	32	16	44	33
Soybeans, emerged	7	3	0	0	13	5	0	0
Strawberries, bloomed	98	94	100	98	100	88	100	97
Strawberries, harvested	26	14	37	26	30	18	27	27
Sweet Corn, planted	62	54	78	71	53	45	58	55
Tomatoes, planted	67	57	55	59	40	29	58	60
Watermelon, planted	75	71	68	61	49	27	56	66
Winter Wheat, headed	94	87	89	85	94	81	90	87
Winter Wheat, turned	5	0	1	2	8	0	4	4

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	4	17	55	24	0	2	10	64	24
Pasture	0	1	22	52	25	1	7	35	50	7
Winter Wheat	0	1	16	55	28	0	2	7	69	22

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**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 25, 2008**

Condition by Percent	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
<b>Very Short</b>	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Short</b>	3	5	9	6	2	0	0	0
<b>Adequate</b>	75	50	76	69	81	80	95	91
<b>Surplus</b>	22	44	15	23	17	20	5	9

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 25, 2008**

Weather Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total	Since Jan 1					Depart
		this	Normal				
				week	Total	Normal	High
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.75	19.77	4.06	74	43	56	-10
Frederick	0.87	20.68	5.72	74	41	55	-8
Frostburg	0.83	21.11	2.60	65	38	50	-10
Hagerstown	0.67	15.31	0.46	74	43	55	-10
Mechanicsville	0.47	21.49	3.85	70	44	56	-11
Patuxent River	0.28	14.50	-1.35	72	45	60	-6
Ocean City	0.41	15.64	-2.21	75	47	61	-5
Salisbury	0.39	17.13	-0.37	74	40	57	-9
Sharpsburg	0.91	20.24	5.18	73	37	53	-10
Stevensville	0.73	21.05	4.53	71	41	57	-10
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.63	22.45	8.08	75	51	62	-8
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.98	16.33	-0.63	73	45	57	-10
Georgetown	0.34	14.16	-3.14	74	43	58	-7
Wilmington	0.96	16.37	0.37	74	43	56	-10

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

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.