



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW 11-08

6/16/2008

Summer is Here

For the week ending, June 15, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7 in Delaware and 6.2 days in Maryland. Hot and humid conditions lingered at the beginning of the week. Some areas received scattered showers during the middle of the week. Warm weather remained through the weekend enhancing fields, allowing farmers to continue field work. Scattered showers hit on Saturday and Sunday. Farmers were busy working in the fields and monitoring crops.

Vegetables growers continue to harvest and plant crops. Growers continue to monitor and control pests. Fruit crops condition were rated good in both states. Strawberry and watermelon harvest continued strong in both states. Small grains condition were rated fair to good in the two states. Most farmers wrapped up planting corn, whereas, soybean growers on full tilt as planting passed the halfway point. Barley harvest continued strong in both states. Some farmers started harvesting winter wheat. In both states, barley and wheat fields had some lodging. Corn and soybean farmers continued to plant crops as weather permits. Hay supplies were short to adequate in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. Warm dry days provided farmers ideal conditions for baling hay as first cutting of dry hay continued ahead of schedule. Pasture conditions improved in Maryland and were rated good to excellent, however, fair to good in Delaware.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 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	88	72	99	82	100	67	100	88
Alfalfa Hay, 2nd cutting	12	4	27	16	13	6	20	15
Barley, headed	100	100	98	99	100	100	100	100
Barley, turned	97	86	94	92	91	85	100	96
Barley harvested	42	3	46	42	45	7	35	31
Cantaloup, planted	82	72	85	84	76	64	85	85
Corn, planted	99	96	96	96	100	98	100	98
Corn, emerged	95	89	98	95	90	85	100	96
Cucumbers, planted	51	47	41	49	56	48	68	57
Green Peas, harvested	72	40	36	43	43	25	63	54
Lima Beans, planted	60	48	69	53	32	23	52	43
Other Hay, 1st cutting	80	63	89	72	91	84	96	87
Other Hay, 2nd cutting	3	1	7	3	5	3	9	10
Snap Beans, planted	71	51	51	60	67	59	81	83
Soybeans, planted	59	44	80	68	59	48	69	63
Soybeans, emerged	40	24	62	50	35	27	47	49
Strawberries, harvested	84	74	91	77	86	65	95	87
Sweet Corn, planted	80	75	89	86	73	66	83	77
Tomatoes, planted	90	83	86	86	82	72	95	85
Watermelon, planted	85	79	94	89	82	75	89	86
Winter Wheat, headed	100	99	96	99	100	100	96	99
Winter Wheat, turned	65	35	67	62	80	20	82	64
Winter Wheat, harvested	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	2

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	2	9	15	62	12	0	4	12	62	22
Corn	2	6	25	43	24	1	7	38	44	10
Pasture	25	2	11	60	27	1	3	33	56	7
Soybeans	3	6	32	53	6	0	8	38	44	10
Winter Wheat	0	7	14	57	22	0	2	10	69	19

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 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
Very Short	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	12	5	7	1	8	2	3	1
Adequate	81	74	88	84	87	91	95	96
Surplus	5	21	5	15	5	7	2	3

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 15, 2008

Weather Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		from	from				
Weather Station	week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.30	22.49	4.14	96	62	80	8
Frederick	0.73	23.53	5.59	94	61	78	10
Frostburg	2.83	26.93	5.40	88	56	72	10
Hagerstown	0.82	17.85	0.27	95	64	79	10
Mechanicsville	0.31	25.66	5.13	95	61	78	7
Patuxent River	0.35	19.59	1.01	98	63	81	11
Ocean City	0.00	18.02	-2.26	97	64	80	9
Salisbury	0.11	19.65	-0.37	97	57	78	8
Sharpsburg	0.94	23.17	5.13	94	58	76	9
Stevensville	0.00	26.23	6.98	96	64	80	8
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.46	26.79	10.00	96	70	83	8
Delaware							
Dover	0.60	19.13	-0.51	97	62	80	9
Georgetown	0.05	16.44	-3.33	98	61	80	10
Wilmington	0.15	19.33	0.89	96	64	80	10

¹ 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.