



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Typical Summer Weather

Typical summer weather prevailed the week ending August 3, 2008, with temperatures in the upper 80s, high humidity, and spotty thunderstorms across Maryland and Delaware. The showers brought much needed rain to some areas. On average, this resulted in **6.2 days suitable for fieldwork** in Maryland and 6.7 days suitable for field work in Delaware. **Soil moisture** is now rated generally adequate in Maryland but mostly short in Delaware.

Hay harvest is progressing on schedule, with most hay fields on their third cutting in both states. **Hay supplies** are mostly adequate. **Pasture conditions** are rated mostly fair in Delaware and fair to good in Maryland.

Corn and **soybeans** are both rated good in Maryland and mostly fair in Delaware. Nearly all of the **corn** crop has silked and is progressing to the dough stage. **Soybeans** are maturing quickly, as 43 percent of the soybean crop in Delaware and 64 percent of Maryland soybeans have now bloomed. Some early soybeans are setting pods.

Apples and **peaches** are rated mostly good in both states, and harvest is underway. **Vegetable** harvest is also in full swing, progressing at or slightly above the five-year average in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 3 rd cutting	58	48	71	54	61	45	66	49
Alfalfa Hay, 4 th cutting	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0
Apples, harvested	17	14	26	15	5	2	9	7
Cantaloups, harvested	57	46	61	46	44	29	37	37
Corn, silked	96	81	95	91	90	87	94	93
Corn, dough	46	28	47	40	35	26	50	52
Corn, dent	2	1	6	6	3	0	28	12
Cucumbers, harvested	55	45	57	55	50	41	40	47
Lima Beans, harvested	40	22	28	44	14	10	4	17
Other Hay, 2 nd cutting	78	61	63	77	98	97	94	92
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	25	8	18	14	17	7	16	17
Peaches, harvested	38	31	40	38	44	32	60	52
Potatoes, harvested	56	50	58	47	49	35	20	30
Snap Beans, harvested	70	48	58	64	59	45	49	60
Soybeans, blooming	64	42	56	49	43	36	60	46
Soybeans, setting pods	23	7	32	24	22	10	18	16
Sweet Corn, harvested	57	43	65	58	53	40	53	44
Tomatoes, harvested	44	36	38	36	30	17	30	28
Watermelons, harvested	44	32	46	32	43	26	41	39
Winter Wheat, harvested	100	100	93	97	100	100	100	99

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	18	78	4	1	3	15	71	10
Corn	3	6	23	55	13	4	15	44	27	10
Pasture	4	10	32	45	9	3	22	56	17	2
Peaches	0	8	14	62	16	1	3	11	63	22
Soybeans	4	9	27	52	8	2	12	51	27	8

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3, 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	10	8	8	7	14	21	15	20
Short	34	34	30	26	48	39	51	44
Adequate	55	56	62	66	38	40	34	36
Surplus	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Depart	From				
		From	Normal				
		Normal	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.28	29.72	5.52	91	62	78	1
Frederick	0.88	30.37	6.77	89	60	76	4
Frostburg	1.95	33.80	4.43	83	56	70	3
Hagerstown	0.18	22.41	-0.77	88	59	76	2
Mechanicsville	0.38	29.99	2.82	90	65	78	2
Patuxent River	0.62	27.59	2.86	88	67	79	4
Ocean City	1.18	24.31	-2.34	91	65	79	3
Salisbury	1.96	26.22	-0.52	91	60	77	0
Sharpsburg	0.72	29.93	6.23	89	56	75	2
Stevensville	0.57	35.21	9.92	91	70	80	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.19	32.53	9.86	93	69	82	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.82	22.59	-3.54	90	67	79	2
Georgetown	0.91	18.96	-6.71	92	65	79	4
Wilmington	0.45	24.62	-0.24	89	62	78	2

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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