



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Maryland and Delaware Experience Another Enjoyable Summer Week

The summer weather pattern that has dominated Maryland and Delaware maintained its hold the week ending August 8, 2008. Warm sunny days with a few scattered afternoon showers resulted in an average **6.7 days suitable for fieldwork** in Delaware and **6.5 days suitable for fieldwork** in Maryland. Lack of rain is beginning to dry out some areas, with soil moisture in Delaware now rated mostly short and pasture conditions rated mostly fair. Soil moisture is rated mostly adequate in Maryland, however, there is much variability across the state. **Pasture conditions** here are rated mostly fair to good.

Hay harvest is running on schedule in Delaware with most fields on their third cutting. A few Maryland farmers have just begun their fourth cutting, although a few areas report that afternoon showers are slowing harvest efforts. **Hay supplies** are rated mostly adequate in both states.

Field crops are maturing slightly behind the five-year average in Delaware. Forty-three percent of Delaware **corn** is now in the dough stage and 13 percent is now denting, as compared to the five-year average of 66 percent and 23 percent, respectively. **Soybeans** are maturing close to the five-year average, with 59% of the crop bloomed and 29% setting pods. Both **corn** and **soybean** crops are rated mostly fair. Maryland **corn** is maturing mostly on schedule, with 11 percent of the crop now in the dent stage. Three-quarters of the **soybean** crop has bloomed and a third of the crop is setting pods. Both **corn** and **soybeans** are rated mostly good.

Vegetable harvest is progressing rapidly with many crops past the 50% mark. **Apples** and **peaches** are also being harvested, and are rated good this year in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 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	84	58	77	65	75	61	72	60
Alfalfa Hay, 4 th cutting	9	6	8	8	1	0	4	1
Apples, harvested	19	17	33	20	11	5	17	11
Cantaloups, harvested	66	57	68	60	54	44	52	48
Corn, silked	97	96	96	93	97	90	96	96
Corn, dough	72	46	71	57	43	35	62	66
Corn, dent	11	2	20	16	13	3	41	23
Corn, mature	2	0	1	1	1	0	11	5
Cucumbers, harvested	69	55	64	62	60	50	50	57
Lima Beans, harvested	45	40	35	49	17	14	6	22
Other Hay, 2 nd cutting	83	78	69	85	99	98	96	96
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	30	25	20	21	26	17	20	28
Peaches, harvested	43	38	52	52	51	44	72	64
Potatoes, harvested	62	56	73	57	62	49	29	39
Snap Beans, harvested	75	70	65	72	66	59	57	68
Soybeans, blooming	74	64	70	64	59	43	77	61
Soybeans, setting pods	31	23	54	39	29	22	30	27
Soybeans, turning color	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sweet Corn, harvested	64	57	76	73	60	53	65	58
Tomatoes, harvested	49	44	46	49	36	30	49	40
Watermelons, harvested	47	44	53	46	58	43	55	50

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 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	5	8	23	53	11	5	16	44	25	10
Pasture	6	10	30	47	7	2	23	58	14	3
Peaches	0	7	14	62	17	1	3	11	63	22
Soybeans	7	11	27	47	8	2	17	51	23	7

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 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	13	10	10	8	14	14	15	15
Short	33	34	27	30	65	48	60	51
Adequate	53	55	63	62	21	38	25	34
Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					Depart
	Total		Depart				from
	this		From				
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.00	29.72	4.63	92	59	74	-3
Frederick	0.34	30.71	6.41	89	56	73	1
Frostburg	0.33	34.13	3.75	79	49	65	-3
Hagerstown	0.12	22.53	-1.42	89	59	73	-2
Mechanicsville	0.19	30.18	2.10	90	58	73	-3
Patuxent River	0.61	28.20	2.49	89	63	76	1
Ocean City	0.10	24.41	-3.49	93	59	77	2
Salisbury	0.28	26.50	-1.47	90	53	72	-5
Sharpsburg	0.13	30.06	5.66	89	51	70	-3
Stevensville	0.00	35.21	9.08	89	60	76	1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.13	32.66	9.08	94	64	79	0
Delaware							
Dover	0.02	22.61	-4.43	91	62	76	-1
Georgetown	0.00	18.96	-7.95	92	59	76	0
Wilmington	0.00	24.62	-1.02	90	59	75	-2

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

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