

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW0905

MAY 31, 2005

BELOW NORMAL TEMPERATURES SLOW PROGRESS

Farmers report that it was too wet to cut and harvest hay. Heat units and sun are needed for crops to grow. **Corn** germination is good but warm temperatures are needed to green it up and get it growing. There were **3.8 days suitable for field work**.

Small grains are in mostly good condition. **Barley** was rated 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 3 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 3 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 23 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 9 percent very short, 11 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average 2000-2004 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Small Grain Development: | | | | |
| Barley Turned | 13 | 1 | 61 | 54 |
| Planting Progress: | | | | |
| Cantaloups | 53 | 50 | 68 | 70 |
| Cucumbers | 46 | 38 | 33 | 43 |
| Lima Beans | 31 | 27 | 35 | 29 |
| Snap Beans | 49 | 44 | 58 | 45 |
| Sorghum | 44 | 39 | 57 | 30 |
| Soybeans | 30 | 22 | 51 | 32 |
| Sweet Corn | 72 | 66 | 73 | 75 |
| Tomatoes | 63 | 49 | 71 | 75 |
| Watermelons | 55 | 53 | 69 | 62 |
| Fruit Crops Blooming: | | | | |
| Strawberries | 93 | 88 | 100 | 99 |
| Field Corn: | | | | |
| Planted | 89 | 85 | 94 | 90 |
| Emerged | 75 | 59 | 89 | 77 |

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2005 (PERCENT)

| Condition | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil Moisture | 1 | 6 | 74 | 19 |
| Topsoil (2004) | 1 | 4 | 81 | 14 |
| Five Year Average | 2 | 10 | 63 | 26 |
| Subsoil Moisture | - | 4 | 85 | 11 |
| Subsoil (2004) | 3 | 3 | 81 | 13 |
| Five Year Average | 3 | 17 | 65 | 15 |

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2005

| Weather Station | Precipitation | | | Temperatures | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----|---------|-----------------------|
| | Total this week | Total Since Jan 1 | Departure from Normal Since Jan 1 | High | Low | Average | Departure from Normal |
| Maryland | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore/Washington Airport | 0.44 | 16.99 | 0.89 | 80 | 49 | 60 | -7 |
| Easton | 0.31 | 22.28 | 4.22 | 83 | 50 | 62 | -7 |
| Frederick | 0.98 | 15.43 | -0.05 | 81 | 48 | 61 | -3 |
| Frostburg | 1.28 | 18.01 | -0.95 | 71 | 43 | 55 | -6 |
| Hagerstown | 0.64 | 12.21 | -3.03 | 79 | 49 | 60 | -7 |
| Mechanicsville | 1.05 | 18.93 | 0.87 | 79 | 48 | 59 | -8 |
| Patuxent River | 1.16 | 17.24 | 1.00 | 83 | 51 | 62 | -6 |
| Ocean City | 0.30 | 18.29 | 0.08 | 83 | 47 | 58 | -9 |
| Salisbury | 0.55 | 19.26 | 1.40 | 81 | 43 | 59 | -9 |
| Sharpsburg | 1.22 | 15.02 | -0.46 | 80 | 44 | 59 | -5 |
| Washington, DC (Reagan National) | 0.47 | 18.33 | 3.60 | 82 | 51 | 64 | -7 |
| Delaware | | | | | | | |
| Dover | 0.39 | 19.12 | 1.78 | 81 | 48 | 60 | -8 |
| Georgetown | 0.31 | 17.58 | -0.08 | 82 | 46 | 59 | -7 |
| Wilmington | 0.47 | 17.21 | 0.85 | 81 | 48 | 59 | -7 |

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