

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW1905

AUGUST 8, 2005

### Spotty Rains

Rain was very spotty around the state, however hot weather allowed farmers ample time to work in the fields. **Corn** maturity advanced with the crop moving significantly into the dough stage with 49 percent in dough compared to 68 percent last year, and 49 percent average. **Soybeans** were in good condition with 63 percent of the crop blooming, and 31 percent setting pods. There were **6.3 days suitable for field work**.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 2 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

**Pasture** was rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 7 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 7 percent very short, 9 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Apples	16	12	17	11
Cantaloups	60	35	67	51
Cucumbers	80	79	58	56
Lima Beans (processed)	63	62	54	33
Peaches	42	30	35	40
Potatoes	52	51	42	61
Snap Beans	89	80	76	62
Sweet Corn	62	47	92	59
Tomatoes	39	22	63	42
Watermelons	43	25	51	33
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Soybeans Blooming	63	51	68	52
Soybeans Setting pods	31	13	44	31
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	81	61	67	58
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	29	18	24	27

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	8	41	48	3
Topsoil (2004)	-	1	73	26
Five Year Average	10	16	55	19
Subsoil Moisture	5	30	65	-
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	78	22
Five Year Average	14	12	62	12

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 2005**

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.60	30.30	5.73	95	68	80	4
Easton	0.34	28.27	1.43	95	68	80	4
Frederick	0.00	26.31	2.31	98	65	80	8
Frostburg	0.00	24.66	-5.16	92	59	74	7
Hagerstown	0.00	18.15	-5.36	95	66	80	5
Mechanicsville	0.18	25.18	-2.38	95	66	79	3
Patuxent River	0.39	24.83	-0.32	95	70	82	6
Ocean City	0.20	30.19	3.01	95	64	79	4
Salisbury	0.09	32.73	5.48	93	62	78	2
Sharpsburg	0.20	22.25	-1.75	96	63	78	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	26.88	3.82	97	71	83	4
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.56	30.40	3.89	93	70	80	3
Georgetown	0.01	28.22	2.03	94	68	81	6
Wilmington	0.00	24.29	-0.91	95	69	81	6

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