

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Humidity Relief for Maryland Farmers

Cooler temperatures and lower humidity allowed farmers ample time to work in fields. As a result, **snap bean** harvest was almost complete with 91 percent harvest. **Corn** is looking good with 67 percent of the crop in the dough stage and 22 percent in the dent stage. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is underway with 23 percent completed. **Apples** are above average with 40 percent harvested compared with 21 percent last year and 16 percent for the five-year average. There were **5.7 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 90 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 13 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 8 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	40	25	21	16
Cantaloupes	72	66	77	72
Cucumbers	87	82	67	65
Lima Beans (processed)	69	68	62	41
Peaches	74	73	79	74
Potatoes	67	53	60	78
Snap Beans	91	90	89	76
Sweet Corn	82	73	97	79
Tomatoes	62	53	74	61
Watermelons	65	56	70	56
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Blooming	80	76	93	77
Soybeans Setting pods	54	44	79	58
Corn Dough	67	55	84	72
Corn Dent	22	11	47	38
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	87	85	79	73
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	23	22	12	16
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	38	37	57	43

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	7	38	53	2
Topsoil (2004)	-	3	72	25
Five Year Average	13	13	61	13
Subsoil Moisture	8	30	62	-
Subsoil (2004)	-	4	76	20
Five Year Average	15	10	65	10

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 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	0.62	32.27	5.88	94	65	78	3
Easton	1.17	30.91	2.11	93	64	77	2
Frederick	1.21	27.86	2.46	96	62	76	6
Frostburg	0.53	26.24	-5.47	89	57	71	5
Hagerstown	2.23	20.63	-4.42	96	60	76	3
Mechanicsville	1.20	29.06	-0.32	92	62	77	3
Patuxent River	2.40	29.90	2.74	91	65	79	5
Ocean City	0.52	31.16	1.46	89	63	79	4
Salisbury	0.42	33.16	3.41	91	58	77	2
Sharpsburg	0.50	23.33	-2.07	96	58	76	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.50	28.71	3.85	94	68	80	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.88	33.71	5.28	93	66	77	2
Georgetown	0.33	30.21	1.43	93	65	78	5
Wilmington	0.91	25.41	-1.29	96	63	77	3

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