

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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SEPTEMBER 26 , 2005

Dry Conditions Continue

Farmers have begun planting **barley** and **wheat** for the 2006 crop season. **Barley** was 17 percent planted, 6 percent above last year and 12 percent above the five-year average. **Corn for silage** harvest will be wrapping up soon with 88 percent complete. **Corn for grain** harvest is 25 percent complete, 12 percent above last year and 5 percent below the five-year average. **Soybeans** are dropping leaves rapidly and farmers are turning more attention to the soybean harvest. **Soybeans** turning color is 70 percent complete, well above last year and the five-year average. Reports indicate yield for second crop soybeans are being impacted by the dry conditions. There were 6.8 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 25, 2005.

Apple harvest has advanced to 68 percent complete, significantly ahead of the 5 year average.

Pastures are rated 10 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 19 percent good and 1 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 8 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	68	66	58	45
Corn for Silage	88	80	83	73
Corn for Grain	25	13	33	30
Planting Progress:				
Barley	17		11	5
Winter Wheat	10		3	2
Crop Progress:				
Corn Mature	77	61	84	78
Soybeans Turning Color	70	54	56	51
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	45	28	23	24
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th	78	68	69	59
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	17	8	36	33

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	51	40	9	-
Topsoil (2004)	2	15	77	6
Five Year Average	5	21	61	13
Subsoil Moisture	31	36	33	-
Subsoil (2004)	3	6	87	4
Five Year Average	11	18	60	11

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 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	0.00	33.96	3.42	93	53	74	9
Easton	0.08	32.01	-1.20	90	55	73	6
Frederick	0.02	28.28	-0.99	90	53	71	10
Frostburg	0.00	27.72	-7.98	85	53	66	8
Hagerstown	0.00	21.61	-7.04	88	55	72	8
Mechanicsville	0.00	29.46	-4.37	89	53	72	7
Patuxent River	0.02	30.09	-1.64	88	58	76	10
Ocean City	0.02	31.34	-2.81	87	53	73	7
Salisbury	0.04	33.68	-0.85	92	47	72	6
Sharpsburg	0.00	25.70	-3.57	90	52	70	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.21	0.34	93	62	77	8
Delaware							
Dover	0.02	35.27	1.73	90	59	74	7
Georgetown	0.04	30.53	-2.85	93	54	74	10
Wilmington	0.00	25.88	-4.79	91	56	74	9

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