

# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW2805

OCTOBER 10, 2005

### Rain Finally Arrived

Rain showers and mild temperatures resulted in **5.1 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 9, 2005; ending an extended period without significant rain. Wet fields toward the end of the week slowed harvest for **corn, alfalfa hay**, and other **hay**. **Corn** for grain harvest increased to 61 percent, 19 percent above last week and 7 percent above the five-year average. Approximately 73 percent of the **soybean** crop has dropped their leaves and 23 percent has been harvested.

**Alfalfa hay** 4<sup>th</sup> cutting increased 2 percent from last week to 86 percent complete. **Other hay** 4<sup>th</sup> cutting was 55 percent complete compared with 61 percent last year and 62 percent for the five-year average.

**Pasture** was rated in poor to mostly fair condition while **hay supplies** were rated adequate.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Apples	83	78	67	65
Corn for Grain	61	42	64	54
Soybeans	23	12	12	10
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Barley	60	41	51	43
Winter Wheat	29	19	21	16
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Corn Mature	98	92	96	96
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	73	57	60	56
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	86	84	79	77
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	55	54	61	62

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	44	38	18
Topsoil (2004)	-	10	79	11
Five Year Average	2	18	72	8
Subsoil Moisture	12	31	50	7
Subsoil (2004)	3	3	85	9
Five Year Average	8	17	67	8

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 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	6.78	40.86	8.91	79	50	68	9
Easton	4.88	37.02	2.32	80	51	69	7
Frederick	4.71	32.99	2.21	84	50	68	13
Frostburg	2.37	30.61	-6.49	80	48	62	10
Hagerstown	4.21	26.04	-4.02	81	51	68	10
Mechanicsville	2.89	32.45	-2.99	77	48	67	8
Patuxent River	2.63	32.92	-0.36	81	56	72	11
Ocean City	2.38	33.84	-1.69	80	52	72	11
Salisbury	5.82	39.68	3.61	85	44	70	9
Sharpsburg	4.84	30.65	-0.13	83	49	68	12
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	7.34	36.65	6.38	82	56	72	9
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	3.65	39.08	3.85	77	52	69	7
Georgetown	4.73	35.41	0.63	83	50	70	11
Wilmington	3.45	29.53	-2.56	80	50	69	10

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