



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW2006

August 14, 2006

Dry Conditions Difficult on Crops

Some **field crops** are showing signs of stress due to continued dry conditions. More rain is needed to further crop development, though corn was rated in mostly good to excellent condition while soybeans were in fair to good condition for the week ending August 13th. Both crops have continued to progress steadily as corn is now 77 percent dough and 30 percent dent. Fifty four percent of soybeans have set pods; just slightly ahead of the 43 percent five-year average. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 47 percent good and 13 percent excellent. There were **6.7 days suitable for field work**.

Vegetables have been aided by warm temperatures as they continue to mature. Processed lima beans are 73 percent harvested; well ahead of the 43 percent five-year average. **Fruits** are still in mostly good condition. Apples were rated 3 percent fair, 96 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Pasture conditions were rated 7 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 6 percent excellent while **hay** supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops				
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn: Dough	77	55	54	59
Dent	30	13	10	20
Harvested for Silage	19	2	0	4
Soybeans: Blooming	75	67	74	66
Setting Pods	54	35	42	43
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting	73	55	84	68
4th Cutting	11	5	21	10
Other Hay 3rd Cutting	22	10	36	33
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	68	48	65	61
Cucumbers	68	58	82	63
Lima Beans	73	72	67	43
Potatoes	71	64	53	63
Snap Beans	76	72	90	73
Sweet Corn	75	65	71	70
Tomatoes	57	41	51	51
Watermelons	54	36	54	47
Fruits Harvested				
Apples	28	20	24	16
Peaches	80	68	69	58

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	16	17	13	14	13	17
Short	38	28	23	30	18	15
Adequate	45	53	49	55	67	57
Surplus	1	2	16	1	2	11

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2006

Weather Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.96	21.34	-4.01	95	55	76	-2
Frederick	0.24	23.88	-0.72	94	52	74	2
Frostburg	0.36	21.81	-8.85	87	50	69	2
Hagerstown	0.00	20.91	-3.26	94	52	74	-1
Mechanicsville	1.13	23.61	-4.73	90	54	73	-3
Patuxent River	1.89	18.48	-7.51	94	57	76	2
Ocean City	0.60	17.47	-10.79	89	53	74	-2
Salisbury	0.38	23.79	-4.54	89	49	72	-5
Sharpsburg	0.68	23.68	-0.92	92	48	72	0
Stevensville	2.33	25.71	-0.43	91	55	76	0
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.96	29.61	5.77	93	61	77	-3
Delaware							
Dover	0.08	24.15	-2.90	90	57	75	-3
Georgetown	0.00	25.19	-2.10	90	55	74	-2
Wilmington	0.23	28.37	2.51	90	55	74	-2

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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