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# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

### Dry With High Temperatures

Weather conditions last week continued dry with lots of sunshine and above normal temperatures which allowed farmers to cut and bale hay. **Alfalfa hay** is 87 percent complete for the 3rd cutting and 40 percent complete for the 4th cutting. **Corn for grain** is maturing faster than normal with a few fields being harvested. **Soybean** condition continues to decline. Reporters indicate 31 percent of the beans are in poor to very poor conditions compared to 23 percent last week. There were **7.0 days suitable for field work**.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. Apples were rated 2 percent fair, 98 percent good.

**Pasture** was rated 14 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 38 percent fair, and 11 percent good, while **hay supplies** were rated 9 percent very short, 15 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Field Crops</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Percent</i></span>				
<b>Corn:</b> Dough	97	85	77	80
Dent	85	50	36	49
Mature	30	8	12	19
<b>Soybeans:</b> Blooming	94	84	87	86
Setting Pods	88	75	66	68
Turning Color	9	1	1	5
<b>Hay</b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	87	82	87	83
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	40	17	29	26
<b>Other Hay</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	48	36	42	51
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	80	77	81	78
<b>Cucumbers</b>	78	74	88	73
<b>Lima Beans</b>	77	75	70	49
<b>Potatoes</b>	78	76	76	82
<b>Snap Beans</b>	86	81	92	82
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	87	81	85	83
<b>Tomatoes</b>	75	69	71	70
<b>Watermelons</b>	77	67	74	70
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
<b>Apples</b>	44	38	44	25
<b>Peaches</b>	96	87	83	83

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	48	31	8	34	21	16
<b>Short</b>	41	39	21	40	33	17
<b>Adequate</b>	11	30	61	26	46	62
<b>Surplus</b>	-	1	6	-	-	5

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006**

Weather Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			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	0.47	21.81	-5.35	93	62	79	5
Frederick	1.07	25.07	-0.94	94	59	76	7
Frostburg	0.45	22.33	-10.12	90	55	71	6
Hagerstown	0.61	21.52	-4.18	90	62	76	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	23.61	-6.55	90	62	76	3
Patuxent River	0.12	18.68	-9.32	92	63	80	8
Ocean City	1.11	18.60	-12.12	92	59	76	3
Salisbury	0.01	23.83	-6.93	91	54	75	2
Sharpsburg	1.70	25.53	-0.48	94	56	74	5
Stevensville	0.47	26.18	-1.73	91	69	79	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.61	4.03	93	66	81	5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.06	24.21	-4.80	91	66	78	4
Georgetown	0.12	25.32	-4.51	92	62	78	5
Wilmington	0.79	29.16	1.82	91	60	76	3

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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