



MD-CW2506



September 18, 2006

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

Corn Maturation ahead of Average

Farmers had **4.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 17, 2006. Temperatures were generally below average and rainfall totals ranged from 1 to 2 inches across the state. Almost 97 percent of the **corn** crop is in the dent stage and 78 percent is mature. **Corn for grain** harvest has begun while **corn for silage** harvest is nearing completion. Fifty percent of **Soybeans** are turning color. Double crop soybean condition has improved slightly from the recent rains.

Apples harvest is 66 percent completed and the crop is rated 3 percent fair, 96 percent good and 1 percent excellent.

Pasture is rated 5 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies are 6 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops				
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn: Dent	97	93	89	87
Mature	78	67	58	61
Harvested for Grain	16	9	12	15
Corn for Silage	87	79	78	64
Soybeans: Turning Color	50	30	50	38
Dropping Leaves	21	13	25	16
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	44	43	67	51
Other Hay 3rd Cutting	72	57	72	73
4th Cutting	7	6	8	15
Vegetables Harvested				
Cucumbers	92	88	94	92
Lima Beans	80	79	73	67
Potatoes	92	84	95	98
Fruits Harvested				
Apples	66	53	65	42

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	-	13	1	2	15
Short	4	10	30	19	24	25
Adequate	85	76	45	76	70	51
Surplus	11	14	12	4	4	8

Beverly Clark
Agricultural Statistician

Barbara Rater
Director

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 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	1.06	28.30	-1.36	80	56	66	-4
Frederick	1.12	29.50	1.12	83	57	65	0
Frostburg	0.63	26.22	-8.63	76	52	59	-3
Hagerstown	1.69	25.66	-2.19	80	54	64	-4
Mechanicsville	1.89	36.71	3.84	78	54	64	-6
Patuxent River	1.55	28.23	-2.54	82	60	69	-1
Ocean City	1.03	26.07	-7.29	76	51	68	-2
Salisbury	1.14	32.58	-1.05	80	47	66	-4
Sharpsburg	1.56	31.91	3.53	80	57	65	1
Stevensville	1.49	32.19	1.76	79	56	67	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.78	34.94	6.93	83	60	67	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.59	29.17	-2.97	79	54	68	-4
Georgetown	1.35	32.20	-0.38	79	50	67	-2
Wilmington	1.43	35.96	6.19	80	51	67	-2

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

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

Published by
The U.S. Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service – Maryland Field Office
 50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (410) 841-5740 Fax (410) 841-5755

a cooperative service of
**The Maryland Department of Agriculture, the National Agricultural Statistics Service,
 and the University of Maryland Extension System**