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# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

### Planting of Small Grains Begin

Farmers have begun planting **barley** and **wheat** for the 2007 crop season. **Barley** was 10 percent planted and **wheat** was 7 percent planted. **Corn** for silage harvest will be wrapping up soon with 98 percent complete, 11 percent above last year and 20 percent above the five year average. **Corn** for grain harvest is 31 percent complete, 8 percent above last year and 2 percent above the five-year average. **Soybeans** are dropping leaves at 36 percent and farmers are starting to turn their attention to the **soybean** harvest. **Soybeans** turning color is 61 percent complete, 7 percent below last year and the 8 percent below the five-year average. There was an average of 1 to almost 2 inches of rain received through out the state last week, but there are still dry conditions in some areas. There were **6.3 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 25, 2005.

**Apple** harvest has advanced to 69 percent complete, significantly ahead of the 5 year average.

**Pastures** are rated 3 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 38 percent good and 8 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 9 percent very short, 15 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

| Item   | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average<br>2001-2005 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| <b>Field Crops</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Percent</i></span> |           |           |           |                      |
| <b>Corn: Mature</b>  | 95        | 78        | 75        | 77                   |
| <b>Harvested for Grain</b>   | 31        | 16        | 23        | 29                   |
| <b>Corn for Silage</b>   | 98        | 87        | 87        | 78                   |
| <b>Soybeans: Turning Color</b>                                       | 61        | 50        | 68        | 53                   |
| <b>Dropping Leaves</b>   | 36        | 21        | 43        | 27                   |
| <b>Barley Planted:</b>   | 10        | -         | -         | -                    |
| <b>Winter Wheat Planted:</b>   | 7         | -         | -         | -                    |
| <b>Hay</b>   |           |           |           |                      |
| <b>Alfalfa Hay 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>                            | 62        | 44        | 77        | 62                   |
| <b>Other Hay 4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>                              | 9         | 7         | 16        | 26                   |
| <b>Fruits Harvested</b>  |           |           |           |                      |
| <b>Apples</b>  | 69        | 66        | 68        | 49                   |

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

| Condition by Percent | Topsoil Moisture |           |                      | Subsoil Moisture |           |                      |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
|                      | This Week        | Last Week | Average<br>2001-2005 | This Week        | Last Week | Average<br>2001-2005 |
| <b>Very Short</b>    | -                | -         | 15                   | 0                | 1         | 17                   |
| <b>Short</b>         | 6                | 4         | 29                   | 16               | 19        | 24                   |
| <b>Adequate</b>      | 87               | 85        | 44                   | 82               | 76        | 49                   |
| <b>Surplus</b>       | 7                | 11        | 12                   | 2                | 4         | 10                   |

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 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     | 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                    |
| <b>Delaware</b>                  |                            |                   |                                   |              |     |         |                       |
| 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                    |

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

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