



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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October 9, 2006

Corn Harvest Progresses

Rain showers and mild temperatures resulted in **4.6 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 8, 2006. Wet fields toward the end of the week slowed harvest for **soybeans, alfalfa hay, and other hay**. **Soybean** harvest increased to 14 percent complete, 5 percent above last week and 2 percent above the five-year average. Approximately 98 percent of the **corn** crop has matured their and 63 percent has been harvested for grain.

The 4th cutting of **Alfalfa hay** increased 2 percent from last week to 69 percent complete. The 4th cutting of **other hay** was 43 percent complete compared with 55 percent last year and 58 percent for the five-year average.

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

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2006

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average 2001-2005 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Field Crops <i>Percent</i> | | | | |
| Corn: Mature | 98 | 96 | 97 | 95 |
| Harvested for Grain | 63 | 49 | 58 | 56 |
| Corn for Silage | 100 | 100 | 97 | 89 |
| Soybeans: Dropping Leaves | 71 | 54 | 71 | 58 |
| Harvested | 14 | 9 | 21 | 12 |
| Barley Planted: | 45 | 29 | 57 | 46 |
| Winter Wheat Planted: | 19 | 17 | 28 | 18 |
| Hay | | | | |
| Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting | 67 | 67 | 86 | 77 |
| 5th Cutting | 5 | 3 | 5 | 18 |
| Other Hay 4th Cutting | 43 | 10 | 55 | 58 |
| Fruits Harvested | | | | |
| Apples | 84 | 79 | 82 | 67 |

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2006

| Condition by Percent | Topsoil Moisture | | | Subsoil Moisture | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | This Week | Last Week | Average 2001-2005 | This Week | Last Week | Average 2001-2005 |
| Very Short | - | - | 4 | - | - | 11 |
| Short | 2 | 4 | 25 | 4 | 6 | 22 |
| Adequate | 82 | 88 | 58 | 88 | 91 | 59 |
| Surplus | 16 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 8 |

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 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 | 1.89 | 31.38 | -0.47 | 82 | 47 | 61 | 1 |
| Frederick | 0.94 | 31.00 | 0.32 | 83 | 45 | 60 | 4 |
| Frostburg | 0.85 | 27.86 | -9.14 | 77 | 39 | 54 | 1 |
| Hagerstown | 0.54 | 26.64 | -3.31 | 81 | 45 | 60 | 1 |
| Mechanicsville | 2.52 | 40.55 | 5.22 | 82 | 46 | 60 | -1 |
| Patuxent River | 3.01 | 32.65 | -0.52 | 83 | 49 | 65 | 4 |
| Ocean City | 2.41 | 29.87 | -5.56 | 79 | 51 | 66 | 5 |
| Salisbury | 2.98 | 36.28 | 0.32 | 82 | 40 | 62 | 2 |
| Sharpsburg | 1.43 | 34.11 | 3.43 | 84 | 43 | 59 | 3 |
| Stevensville | 1.97 | 36.02 | 3.30 | 82 | 50 | 63 | 3 |
| Washington, DC (Reagan National) | 2.05 | 38.24 | 8.07 | 82 | 50 | 63 | -1 |
| Delaware | | | | | | | |
| Dover | 1.74 | 31.52 | -3.34 | 82 | 52 | 63 | 1 |
| Georgetown | 2.78 | 35.48 | 0.80 | 83 | 50 | 64 | 4 |
| Wilmington | 1.20 | 38.46 | 6.46 | 81 | 47 | 61 | 1 |

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

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