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Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

October 16, 2006

Cooler Weather Arrives

Cooler air temperatures have arrived in Maryland with high's in the 70's and lows in 30's last week. There were **5.9 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 15, 2006. **Corn for grain** harvest is 75 percent complete, 5 percent above last year and 5 percent above the five-year average. **Soybeans** are dropping leaves rapidly and farmers are turning more attention to the **soybean** harvest. **Soybean** harvest is 21 percent complete, 7 percent above previous week.

Good progress was made with the **apple** harvest. **Apple** harvest is wrapping up with 94 percent complete, 10 percent above previous week and 15 percent above 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 15, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005		
Field Crops <i>Percent</i>						
Corn: Harvested for Grain	75	63	70	70		
Soybeans: Dropping Leaves	81	71	83	76		
Harvested	21	14	28	21		
Barley Planted:	61	45	63	60		
Winter Wheat Planted:	36	19	32	29		
Hay						
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	74	-	86	82		
5th Cutting	16	-	6	24		
Other Hay 4th Cutting	48	43	56	70		
Fruits Harvested						
Apples	94	84	91	79		
SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2006						
Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	-	1	-	-	6
Short	1	2	17	5	4	23
Adequate	94	82	70	93	88	63
Surplus	5	16	12	2	8	8

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 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	0.03	31.41	-1.08	79	32	57	-2
Frederick	0.04	31.04	-0.34	81	31	56	3
Frostburg	0.18	28.04	-9.66	72	29	49	-2
Hagerstown	0.01	26.65	-4.07	77	32	56	-2
Mechanicsville	0.08	40.63	4.53	75	31	54	-5
Patuxent River	0.19	32.84	-1.05	77	36	59	0
Ocean City	0.07	29.94	-6.19	77	33	58	-2
Salisbury	1.00	37.28	0.54	81	29	57	-3
Sharpsburg	0.01	34.12	2.74	78	29	55	1
Stevensville	0.01	36.03	2.61	74	33	57	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.23	38.47	7.62	80	38	59	-2
Delaware							
Dover	0.67	32.19	-3.40	75	37	58	-3
Georgetown	0.63	36.11	0.72	79	32	58	0
Wilmington	0.43	38.89	6.26	78	33	57	-1

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

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