



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Rains Benefit Corn, but Damaged Vegetables

Rainfall totals varied significantly across Maryland this week with some areas receiving over 10 inches and other areas receiving less than an inch. There were **3.4 days suitable** for fieldwork. Corn growers are particularly pleased with the rain and report corn condition as 28 percent excellent, 51 percent good, 19 percent fair and 5 percent poor or very poor. Corn is 25 percent tasseled. **Soybean** condition also showed improvement with 20 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 27 percent fair, and 4 percent poor or very poor. Soybeans are 86 percent planted compared to 84 percent last week and 90 percent last year. **Winter wheat** harvest, despite the wet conditions, and is now 37 percent complete.

The major negative impact of the rains was to vegetable crops. Growers report losing significant acreages of cucumbers, watermelons, and cantaloupes to flooding. Disease from the wet conditions is of concern as well. Vegetable harvest is gearing up with 7 percent of the **sweet corn** harvested and 21 percent of **cucumbers** harvested. **Snap bean** harvest is 15 percent complete and **lima bean** harvest is just underway. **Potato** digging is 21 percent complete.

**Peaches** and **apples** are in generally good condition and peach harvest is just underway.

**Pasture condition** is rated 13 percent excellent, 40 percent good, 35 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 80 percent adequate or surplus, 15 percent short, and 5 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Small Grain Development</b>				
<i>Percent</i>				
Winter Wheat: Harvested	37	17	38	47
<b>Field Crops</b>				
Corn: Silked	25	0	4	14
Soybeans: Planted	86	84	90	81
<b>Hay</b>				
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	60	42	64	52
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	22	14	44	32
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>				
Cantaloups	5	0	2	3
Cucumbers	21	16	9	17
Potatoes	21	0	9	8
Snap Beans	15	2	7	18
Sweet Corn	7	0	4	5
Tomatoes	5	0	3	4

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	2	-	9	-	-	8
Short	15	17	26	14	19	24
Adequate	56	49	57	74	71	60
Surplus	27	34	8	12	10	8

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 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
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	5.30	18.52	-1.75	89	62	76	1
Frederick	6.51	21.64	1.45	90	61	75	4
Frostburg	1.27	18.73	-5.23	82	52	66	0
Hagerstown	7.75	17.62	-1.93	85	61	74	1
Mechanicsville	5.04	17.99	-4.67	87	62	75	2
Patuxent River	3.36	14.63	-5.87	86	65	76	3
Ocean City	0.39	13.73	-8.36	83	59	74	-1
Salisbury	2.53	18.81	-3.16	86	57	75	1
Sharpsburg	6.24	19.68	-0.51	88	55	73	3
Stevensville	5.12	19.33	-1.74	86	62	76	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	10.44	25.09	6.51	88	65	76	-3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	2.15	17.22	-4.23	86	64	77	2
Georgetown	4.10	21.88	0.35	87	63	77	4
Wilmington	6.14	22.09	1.68	85	62	75	0

1/ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on reported date

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