



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Corn Condition Good Despite Heavy Rains

Soil moisture conditions improved with the added rains last week, but some areas are now in excess. The rain's effect on **corn** was positive as 36 percent of the crop has silked. **Soybeans** proved more sensitive to the high humidity and wet conditions. Soybean condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 54 percent good and 20 percent excellent. **Wheat** harvesting was temporarily delayed, but has resumed and 70 percent has been completed. There were **4.3 days suitable for field work** as temperatures reached as high as the mid 90's.

Vegetables showed the most damage due to the rainfall, particularly **cucumbers** and **watermelons** were heavily affected. Sloppy field conditions slowed most vegetable harvesting including **green beans** and **tomatoes**. **Fruits** were in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good. **Peaches** were rated 17 percent fair, 78 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 15 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development				
<i>Percent</i>				
Winter Wheat: Harvested	70	37	57	70
Field Crops				
Corn: Silked	36	25	17	32
Soybeans: Planted	91	84	99	89
Emerged	88	64	87	97
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting	75	60	78	68
3rd Cutting	6	0	10	12
Other Hay 2nd Cutting	41	22	58	44
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	11	5	5	8
Cucumbers	27	21	21	26
Potatoes	35	21	13	13
Snap Beans	22	15	23	27
Sweet Corn	11	7	8	14
Tomatoes	13	5	4	8
Fruits				
Peaches: Harvested	10	3	2	5

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 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	10	-	-	9
Short	2	15	23	1	14	24
Adequate	76	56	57	86	74	60
Surplus	22	27	10	13	12	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 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	1.48	20.00	-1.11	94	57	77	0
Frederick	0.71	22.35	1.33	93	56	75	3
Frostburg	0.81	19.54	-5.56	83	49	66	-2
Hagerstown	0.62	18.24	-2.08	92	57	74	-2
Mechanicsville	1.92	19.91	-3.73	93	57	74	-2
Patuxent River	1.05	15.68	-5.66	93	62	76	2
Ocean City	1.84	15.57	-7.36	91	56	74	-2
Salisbury	2.66	21.47	-1.41	92	53	74	-3
Sharpsburg	1.32	21.00	-0.02	92	53	73	2
Stevensville	1.94	21.27	-0.66	92	59	75	-1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.53	27.62	8.20	94	62	77	-3
Delaware							
Dover	3.06	20.28	-2.08	91	59	76	-2
Georgetown	1.82	23.70	1.45	93	60	76	2
Wilmington	3.68	25.77	4.40	90	57	75	-1

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

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