



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 15, 2006

Welcome Rain Eases Dry Conditions

Rain, averaging 1 to 2 inches across the state eased dry soil conditions and provided much needed moisture for corn to germinate. Showers slowed hay cutting, but producers still averaged **5.2 days suitable** for field work. Small grains have very few disease problems this year and harvest is expected to be ahead of normal. **Barley** is 94 percent headed compared to 90 percent average and **wheat** is 76 percent headed compared to 50 percent average. **Corn** planting is 75 percent complete compared to 70 percent average and 45 percent of the crop is emerged compared to 37 percent average. **Soybean** planting is 19 percent complete compared to 11 percent average.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** advanced to 34 percent cut and **other hay** was 35 percent cut, both ahead of normal. Rain showers lowered the quality of some of the hay.

Pasture condition improved slightly with the rain and is rated 7 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 36 percent fair, 9 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 3 percent surplus, 70 percent adequate, 17 percent short, and 10 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	94	89	91	90
Winter Wheat Headed	76	50	35	50
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	32	23	33	46
Lima Beans (Processed)	23	17	18	15
Snap Beans	29	20	24	25
Soybeans	19	9	12	11
Sweet Corn	59	45	58	55
Tomatoes	47	42	37	51
Corn: Planted	75	65	70	70
Emerged	45	22	35	37
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	34	13	19	18
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	35	18	13	16
Strawberries Harvested	8	6	4	8

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	10	15	70	5
Topsoil (2005)	3	34	62	2
Five Year Average	6	22	61	10
Subsoil Moisture	9	40	46	5
Subsoil (2005)	-	12	86	2
Five Year Average	3	20	71	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2006

Weather Station	Precipitation			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.27	10.85	-3.42	80	45	60	-2
Easton	1.69	10.93	-2.51	80	43	58	-1
Frederick	1.44	13.23	-3.47	76	36	52	-4
Frostburg	0.72	7.89	-5.40	77	45	58	-3
Hagerstown	1.02	9.10	-6.90	76	44	58	-6
Mechanicsville	0.96	7.90	-6.39	74	46	60	-3
Patuxent River	1.34	7.60	-8.86	71	43	58	-4
Ocean City	1.82	9.42	-6.64	77	37	58	-5
Salisbury	1.40	10.04	-3.40	80	35	56	-4
Sharpsburg	1.16	9.67	-5.05	77	49	61	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.27	10.13	-2.80	78	50	61	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.45	9.28	-5.85	73	46	60	-4
Georgetown	0.59	7.37	-8.49	79	45	61	0
Wilmington	0.62	11.12	-3.37	79	48	61	0

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.