



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 22, 2006

### Additional Rain Promotes Crop Growth

Rain, ranging from less than 1 to almost 2 inches across the state eased dry soil conditions and provided much needed moisture for corn to germinate. Temperatures averaged below normal in the low 60's. Cool weather allowed farmers some field time with **4.90 days suitable** for field work. **Corn** planting is 94 percent complete compared to 83 percent average and 76 percent of the crop is emerged compared to 58 percent average. **Soybean** planting is 30 percent complete compared to 21 percent average.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** advanced to 49 percent cut and **other hay** was 52 percent cut, both ahead of normal. Rain showers lowered the quality of some of the hay.

**Pasture condition** was rated 6 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 36 percent fair, 9 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 3 percent surplus, 71 percent adequate, 17 percent short, and 9 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Small Grain Development:</b>				
Barley Headed	95	94	94	96
Winter Wheat Headed	98	76	78	76
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Cantaloups	45	32	48	58
Cucumbers	39	38	36	33
Lima Beans (Processed)	27	23	26	23
Snap Beans	34	29	42	35
Soybeans	30	19	21	21
Sweet Corn	69	59	65	64
Tomatoes	48	47	47	63
Watermelons	49	48	51	50
Corn: Planted	94	75	83	83
Emerged				
Alfalfa Hay 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	49	34	34	34
Other Hay 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	52	35	24	29
Strawberries Harvested	29	8	7	18

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	10	15	70	5
Topsoil (2005)	-	16	66	18
Five Year Average	7	16	56	21
Subsoil Moisture	9	25	61	5
Subsoil (2005)	1	7	80	12
Five Year Average	3	21	64	12

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006**

Weather Station	Precipitation			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	0.32	11.17	-3.94	73	41	58	-7
Easton	0.45	11.38	-2.98	71	46	59	-3
Frederick	1.92	15.15	-2.61	62	38	50	-8
Frostburg	0.33	8.22	-5.98	70	44	56	-8
Hagerstown	0.49	9.59	-7.35	74	43	60	-6
Mechanicsville	0.59	8.49	-6.71	80	44	63	-3
Patuxent River	0.92	8.52	-8.73	76	42	61	-4
Ocean City	1.02	10.44	-6.46	76	36	59	-5
Salisbury	0.50	10.54	-3.82	71	39	56	-5
Sharpsburg	0.13	9.80	-5.83	73	45	61	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.83	10.96	-2.81	74	49	61	-7
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.78	10.06	-5.98	75	48	60	-5
Georgetown	0.48	7.85	-8.85	78	43	61	-3
Wilmington	1.56	12.68	-2.72	75	43	59	-5

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