



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JUNE 5, 2006

Weekend Rain Improves Planting Predicament

Much needed rain helped boost field crop conditions this week. Barley harvesting is now beginning, slightly ahead of average. Warm weather allowed farmers **5.5 days suitable** for field work. **Corn** planting is slightly ahead of last year at 99 percent complete. **Soybean** planting has increased to 58 percent complete.

Growers delayed watermelon and cantaloupe planting because of dry soil conditions. Weekend rain means they should be able to plant this coming week. Despite the dry weather, **apples** are rated 1% good and 99% excellent and **peaches** are 1% poor, 4% fair, 93% good and 2% excellent.

Pastures are still showing some distress. **Pasture condition** was rated 6 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 34 percent fair, 13 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 3 percent surplus, 74 percent adequate, 15 percent short, and 8 percent very short. The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 87 percent cut and **other hay** is now 81 percent cut.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	98	97	100	100
Barley Turned	65	39	48	69
Winter Wheat Headed	99	99	96	96
Winter Wheat Turned	32	4	5	21
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	76	58	73	73
Cucumbers	44	42	52	45
Lima Beans (Processed)	45	34	35	39
Snap Beans	45	40	58	52
Soybeans	58	49	52	46
Sweet Corn	82	75	78	79
Tomatoes	83	57	76	79
Watermelons	61	54	75	70
Corn: Planted	99	98	93	93
Emerged	94	89	86	86
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	87	76	74	68
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	81	67	61	56
Strawberries Harvested	50	41	38	50

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	13	33	52	2
Topsoil (2005)	-	4	81	15
Five Year Average	2	8	64	26
Subsoil Moisture	13	34	52	1
Subsoil (2005)	-	5	84	11
Five Year Average	4	15	63	19

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 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	0.47	11.67	-5.21	95	55	77	9
Easton	1.54	13.03	-3.29	95	55	76	11
Frederick	0.69	15.97	-3.88	88	51	69	9
Frostburg	0.65	8.93	-7.09	96	53	74	7
Hagerstown	0.39	10.34	-8.56	90	54	74	6
Mechanicsville	0.49	9.09	-7.93	87	57	76	8
Patuxent River	0.40	9.17	-9.75	85	52	71	3
Ocean City	0.47	11.08	-7.50	90	49	73	6
Salisbury	2.17	12.80	-3.52	95	51	74	10
Sharpsburg	1.75	11.69	-5.76	89	56	75	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.05	11.12	-4.33	95	60	78	7
Delaware							
Dover	0.80	10.87	-6.99	90	59	74	6
Georgetown	2.61	10.46	-7.92	94	57	76	9
Wilmington	1.83	14.55	-2.53	93	57	74	7

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