



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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July 17, 2006

### Vegetable Harvest Advances

Scattered showers throughout the week added to the already saturated soils. Rain and warm temperatures pushed **corn development** last week as corn is now 59 percent silked; slightly higher than the 51 percent five year average. **Soybeans** are now 90 percent emerged and 13 percent bloomed. Additional precipitation in some areas caused problems for farmers with standing water in fields. **Winter wheat** harvest is now 87 percent complete. There were **5.5 days suitable for field work**.

Although **vegetable** harvest has progressed, vegetables such as cucumbers and watermelons showed some damage due to excessive soil moisture. **Snap beans** are now 55 percent harvested which is ahead of the 36 percent five year average. **Sweet corn** is now 23 percent harvested. Fruits are still in mostly good condition.

**Pastures** were in fair to mostly good condition with 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 5 percent very short, 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Small Grain Development</b>				
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Winter Wheat: Harvested</b>	87	70	78	85
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<b>Corn: Silked</b>	59	36	49	51
<b>Soybeans: Planted</b>	96	91	100	96
<b>Emerg</b>	90	88	98	100
<b>Blooming</b>	13	2	25	19
<b>Hay</b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay 2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	88	75	89	80
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	9	6	17	18
<b>Other Hay 2<sup>nd</sup> Cutting</b>	52	41	69	57
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	18	11	10	16
<b>Cucumbers</b>	34	27	32	33
<b>Potatoes</b>	50	35	26	21
<b>Snap Beans</b>	55	22	38	36
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	23	13	12	24
<b>Tomatoes</b>	20	13	6	12
<b>Watermelons</b>	6	1	1	5
<b>Fruits</b>				
<b>Peaches: Harvested</b>	20	10	11	12

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	-	-	8	-	-	11
<b>Short</b>	3	2	22	3	1	19
<b>Adequate</b>	79	76	59	84	86	62
<b>Surplus</b>	18	22	11	13	13	9

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2006**

Weather Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			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	0.20	20.20	-1.72	92	66	80	4
Frederick	0.31	22.66	0.87	91	62	78	5
Frostburg	0.34	19.88	-6.41	84	56	71	4
Hagerstown	1.12	19.36	-1.73	89	63	77	3
Mechanicsville	0.35	20.26	-4.36	90	64	77	2
Patuxent River	0.47	16.15	-6.05	91	70	80	6
Ocean City	0.05	15.62	-8.18	88	69	78	3
Salisbury	0.08	21.55	-2.26	90	62	78	2
Sharpsburg	0.53	21.53	-0.26	91	60	77	4
Stevensville	0.98	22.25	-0.52	89	70	80	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.69	28.31	8.05	90	68	80	1
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.09	20.37	-2.91	91	68	79	2
Georgetown	0.13	23.83	0.81	90	65	79	4
Wilmington	0.46	26.23	3.88	90	67	78	2

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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