



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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April 16, 2007

RAIN DELAYS FIELD ACTIVITY

There were 4.5 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 15, 2007. Cold, wet weather last week delayed some field activities. Most of Maryland's farmers averaged between 1-3 inches of rain during the past week. Air temperatures averaged below normal in comparison to last year, with temperatures averaging between 35 to 46 degrees.

A small amount of planting progress was made for **tomatoes** and **snap beans**. **Green peas, potatoes, and sweet corn** planting progress increased between two and ten percentage points this week.

Winter wheat was rated 8 percent excellent, 73 percent good, 17 percent fair, 1 percent poor and 1 very poor. **Barley** was rated 6 percent excellent, 69 percent good, 23 percent fair, 1 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.

Pasture condition is rated 16 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 21 percent fair, 13 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. **Hay** supplies are 63 percent adequate, 25 percent short, and 12 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
Vegetables Planted				
Green Peas	36	35	36	50
Potatoes	60	50	40	39
Sweet Corn	7	5	18	12
Fruits Bloomed				
Peaches	20	18	45	37
Strawberries	34	29	21	25

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	1	1	-	0	0	-
Short	2	8	-	6	5	-
Adequate	75	85	-	76	88	-
Surplus	22	6	-	18	7	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 2007

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	2.61	12.08	1.03	62	26	44	-9
Frederick	1.95	10.42	0.43	56	28	41	-7
Frostburg	2.57	12.49	0.18	50	19	35	-11
Hagerstown	2.48	7.46	-2.34	53	29	42	-10
Mechanicsville	1.48	11.15	-1.36	68	27	44	-10
Patuxent River	1.42	9.06	-1.98	61	29	46	-8
Ocean City	0.91	9.53	-3.87	70	25	46	-8
Salisbury	1.00	11.26	-1.66	67	20	43	-10
Sharpsburg	1.71	10.62	0.63	56	25	41	-8
Stevensville	2.65	12.62	1.08	60	29	46	-8
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.44	10.77	0.85	61	31	46	-10
Delaware							
Dover	2.77	10.89	-0.96	59	28	44	-9
Georgetown	1.11	11.20	-1.39	65	26	44	-8
Wilmington	3.21	14.21	3.19	59	30	44	-7

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

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