



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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April 30, 2007

SPRING PLANTINGS PROGRESS

Warm, sunny weather improved field conditions over the past week and allowed more farmers to begin the planting process. The number of **days suitable for field work** increased this week to 5 for the week ending April 29th.

Fruit crops are in full bloom with **strawberries** at 72 percent, **peaches** at 80 percent and **apples** at 79 percent. Warm weather increased planting, **green peas, corn, potatoes, sweet corn** and tomatoes from previous week. **Cantaloupes** planting have begun with 12 percent planted; well behind last year's progress and the five year average. Small amounts of **watermelon** and **snap beans** have been planted.

Hay supplies continue to be mostly adequate with 1 percent surplus, 52 percent adequate, 34 percent short, and 13 percent very short. **Pastures** are in mostly good condition with 19 percent rated excellent, 43 percent good, 35 percent fair, and 3 percent poor.

Winter wheat is in fair to good condition with 7 percent excellent, 64 percent good, 21 percent fair, 6 percent poor and 2 percent very poor. **Barley** condition is 9 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 30 percent fair, 2 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<u>Vegetables Planted</u>				
Cantaloups	12	0	20	16
Corn	18	9	38	30
Cucumbers	5	1	33	14
Green Peas	47	40	83	83
Potatoes	79	62	84	74
Sweet Corn	23	12	25	26
Tomatoes	8	5	40	32
<u>Vegetables Headed</u>				
Barley	15	0	50	39
<u>Fruits Bloomed</u>				
Apples	79	17	52	61
Peaches	80	40	76	77
Strawberries	72	57	55	62

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	0	0	-	0	0	-
Short	2	1	-	2	2	-
Adequate	80	72	-	81	75	-
Surplus	18	27	-	17	23	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 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	0.59	13.77	1.24	85	46	63	7
Frederick	1.51	12.57	1.00	85	44	61	9
Frostburg	0.54	13.33	-1.07	79	43	56	7
Hagerstown	0.36	8.10	-3.29	83	47	61	7
Mechanicsville	0.40	12.84	-1.26	84	41	63	7
Patuxent River	0.45	10.79	-1.74	85	49	65	7
Ocean City	0.27	12.35	-2.46	83	49	63	6
Salisbury	0.50	14.37	0.02	83	47	64	7
Sharpsburg	0.67	11.91	0.34	86	39	60	9
Stevensville	0.55	15.14	2.06	85	48	64	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.21	12.11	0.90	83	50	65	6
Delaware							
Dover	0.39	14.50	1.01	83	50	63	6
Georgetown	0.54	13.35	-0.78	83	47	63	9
Wilmington	1.39	18.54	5.90	83	47	62	7

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

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