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# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

May 7, 2007

### Good Week for Field Work

Sunshine and warm temperatures allowed farmers to plant **corn, watermelons, cucumbers, snap beans, sweet corn, potatoes and tomatoes**. There were **6.6 days suitable for field work** for the week ending May 6, 2007. **Field corn** was over 46 percent planted and 7 percent has begun to emerge. Farmers are starting to plant full-season **soybeans** and harvest a small amount of **strawberries** and **green peas**.

**Winter wheat** was in good condition with 7 percent excellent, 70 percent good, 18 percent fair, 4 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Grain heads have formed in over 10 percent of the winter wheat fields. **Barley** was in good condition with 11 percent excellent, 60 percent good, 26 percent fair, 2 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Sixty-two percent of the barley fields have headed.

**Pasture** was in good condition with 17 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 26 percent fair, and 8 percent poor. **Hay** supplies was rated 64 percent adequate, 23 percent short, and 13 percent very short.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<b><u>Planting Progress:</u></b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	15	12	23	25
<b>Cucumbers</b>	10	5	33	17
<b>Lima Beans</b>	40	0	16	8
<b>Potatoes</b>	94	79	99	90
<b>Snap Beans</b>	7	3	19	16
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	40	23	42	42
<b>Tomatoes</b>	12	8	42	39
<b>Watermelons</b>	6	3	43	23
<b>Corn: Planted</b>	46	18	62	50
<b>Emerged</b>	7	0	20	16
<b><u>Hay</u></b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay 1st cutting</b>	12	0	13	9
<b>Other Hay 1st cutting</b>	13	0	17	11
<b><u>Small Grain Development:</u></b>				
<b>Barley Headed</b>	62	15	84	69
<b>Winter Wheat Headed</b>	10	1	46	28
<b><u>Fruit Crops Blooming:</u></b>				
<b>Apples</b>	96	79	70	85
<b>Peaches</b>	93	80	91	91
<b>Strawberries</b>	82	72	84	82

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
<b>Very Short</b>	3	0	-	0	0	-
<b>Short</b>	10	2	-	6	2	-
<b>Adequate</b>	84	80	-	91	81	-
<b>Surplus</b>	3	18	-	3	17	-

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2007**

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	0.03	13.80	0.49	84	42	63	4
Frederick	0.02	12.59	0.18	83	42	62	7
Frostburg	0.11	13.44	-2.01	84	39	58	7
Hagerstown	0.02	8.12	-4.13	82	42	62	5
Mechanicsville	0.43	13.27	-1.69	85	45	62	3
Patuxent River	0.57	11.36	-1.97	86	46	63	3
Ocean City	0.23	12.58	-3.00	86	40	61	2
Salisbury	0.18	14.55	-0.57	85	34	60	1
Sharpsburg	0.04	11.95	-0.46	83	38	60	6
Stevensville	0.11	15.25	1.33	83	45	63	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.04	12.15	0.18	86	50	65	4
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.00	14.50	0.15	84	41	60	1
Georgetown	0.11	13.46	-1.45	85	40	61	4
Wilmington	0.00	18.54	5.06	84	43	61	3

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

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