



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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May 14, 2007

### Good Weather for Field Work Continues

Sunshine and warm temperatures allowed farmers to plant **corn, watermelons, cucumbers, snap beans, sweet corn, potatoes and tomatoes**. There were **6.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending May 13, 2007. **Field corn** was 67 percent planted and 28 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, 69 percent good, 19 percent fair, 4 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Grain heads have formed in 45 percent of the winter wheat fields. **Barley** is in good condition with 10 percent excellent, 61 percent good, 26 percent fair, 2 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Eighty-six percent of the barley has headed.

**Pasture** is in good condition with 16 percent excellent, 50 percent good, 26 percent fair, and 8 percent poor. **Hay** supplies was rated 59 percent adequate, 22 percent short, and 19 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<b><u>Planting Progress:</u></b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	37	15	31	39
<b>Cucumbers</b>	15	10	37	24
<b>Lima Beans</b>	45	40	22	16
<b>Potatoes</b>	98	94	100	95
<b>Snap Beans</b>	14	7	28	25
<b>Soybeans</b>	11	3	18	11
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	69	40	57	55
<b>Tomatoes</b>	26	12	46	46
<b>Watermelons</b>	32	6	47	38
<b>Corn: Planted</b>	67	46	74	69
<b>Emerged</b>	28	7	42	39
<b><u>Vegetables Harvested:</u></b>				
<b>Green Peas</b>	7	2	9	3
<b><u>Hay</u></b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay 1st cutting</b>	38	12	31	19
<b>Other Hay 1st cutting</b>	28	13	33	19
<b><u>Small Grain Development:</u></b>				
<b>Barley Headed</b>	86	62	93	90
<b>Winter Wheat Headed</b>	45	10	72	53
<b><u>Fruit Crops Blooming:</u></b>				
<b>Apples</b>	100	96	95	97
<b>Peaches</b>				
<b>Strawberries</b>	97	82	94	89

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 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>	5	3	-	1	0	-
<b>Short</b>	31	10	-	14	6	-
<b>Adequate</b>	64	84	-	84	91	-
<b>Surplus</b>	-	3	-	1	3	-

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**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 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	0.13	13.93	-0.22	85	36	64	3
Frederick	0.44	13.03	-0.28	83	37	63	6
Frostburg	0.05	13.49	-3.05	83	38	60	6
Hagerstown	0.80	8.92	-4.24	82	36	64	4
Mechanicsville	0.32	13.59	-2.28	83	36	61	-2
Patuxent River	0.42	11.78	-2.39	81	44	64	2
Ocean City	0.16	12.74	-3.61	78	47	60	-2
Salisbury	0.43	14.98	-0.96	84	37	62	1
Sharpsburg	0.47	12.42	-0.89	84	37	62	5
Stevensville	0.47	15.72	0.89	83	40	64	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.93	13.08	0.27	86	44	66	3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.42	14.92	-0.34	83	39	62	-1
Georgetown	0.49	13.95	-1.79	84	41	63	4
Wilmington	0.26	18.80	4.44	83	39	64	4

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

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