



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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FARMERS LOOK TO THE SKY FOR MUCH NEEDED RAIN

A dry week around the state of Maryland allowed farmers opportunity to get into the fields. However, crops are suffering due to the lack of precipitation. The dry weather is delaying the germination of **soybeans** and causing **corn** to curl in some parts of the state. The second cutting of **hay** is underway, with reports indicating that 88 percent of **alfalfa hay** and 45 percent of all **other hay** acreage have undergone the second cutting of the season. There were **6.3 days suitable for field work**.

Small grains were reported in mostly good condition. **Barley** is now 100 percent harvested and wheat harvest is at 75 percent complete. **Winter wheat** was rated 3 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 12 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 2 percent excellent while hay supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 72 percent adequate.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
Small Grain Development <i>Percent</i>				
Winter Wheat: Harvested	75	56	65	68
Field Crops				
Corn: Silked	36	10	34	32
Soybeans: Planted	95	92	90	88
Emerged	90	86	100	97
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting	88	86	73	68
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting	5	1	5	9
Other Hay 2nd Cutting	45	40	38	43
Crops Planted				
Cucumbers	62	54	72	65
Lima Beans (Processed)	84	80	61	69
Snap Beans	65	60	72	71
Tomatoes	100	98	95	94
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	11	4	10	7
Green Peas	77	73	85	97
Potatoes	5	0	33	15
Snap Beans	5	3	21	26
Sweet Corn	16	7	12	12
Watermelons	5	2	1	2
Fruits				
Peaches Harvested	7	2	9	4

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
Very Short	27	29	-	24	27	-
Short	50	42	-	49	35	-
Adequate	23	29	-	27	38	-
Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 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	0.90	17.59	-3.40	90	54	73	-4
Frederick	0.40	16.48	-4.43	90	53	72	-1
Frostburg	1.06	20.77	-4.16	79	47	65	-3
Hagerstown	0.11	12.87	-7.34	89	54	72	-3
Mechanicsville	0.14	17.36	-6.14	89	51	72	-4
Patuxent River	0.00	16.19	-5.03	87	56	75	0
Ocean City	0.14	15.89	-6.92	94	51	74	-2
Salisbury	0.15	17.99	-4.76	92	43	73	-4
Sharpsburg	0.79	16.68	-4.23	89	52	70	-3
Stevensville	0.20	19.45	-2.60	89	59	74	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.14	15.38	-3.92	92	62	77	-3
Delaware							
Dover	0.18	19.27	-3.22	89	53	73	-4
Georgetown	0.32	17.16	-4.98	89	53	73	-2
Wilmington	0.58	22.86	1.63	89	53	73	-3

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

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