



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW3507

November 19, 2007

Fall Harvest Nears Completion

Rain and drizzle fell the week ending November 19, resulting in 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Maryland. The rain slowed harvest of soybeans and hay and planting of small grains, but was a welcome change from the dry conditions we have seen this season.

Despite the rain, growers were able to harvest some **soybean** fields, with 80 percent of harvest now complete, as compared with 76 percent last week and the five-year average of 73 percent.

Winter wheat plantings were slowed by the weather, although fields already planted continued to emerge. **Winter Wheat** is now 94 percent planted, compared with 89 percent planted last week. Eighty-two percent of the crop has now emerged, up 16 percent from last week. The crop is rated 1 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. **Barley** condition is rated 2 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Pasture condition improved, and is now rated 6 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 25 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Fourth cutting of **other hay** is 75 percent complete and a fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 64 percent complete. **Hay supplies** were rated 30 percent very short, 47 percent short, 20 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Field Crops				
Soybeans Harvested	80	76	81	73
Winter Wheat Planted	94	89	89	86
Winter Wheat Emerged	82	66	69	68
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	64	58	87	54
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	75	72	70	85

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average
Very Short	-	1	-	9	16	-
Short	32	27	-	36	43	-
Adequate	68	70	-	55	41	-
Surplus	-	2	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 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	1.02	30.64	-5.33	65	30	48	1
Frederick	1.65	32.20	-2.89	65	26	45	3
Frostburg	1.20	37.31	-4.20	60	24	39	-2
Hagerstown	1.02	24.58	-9.92	63	31	46	3
Mechanicsville	0.96	29.29	-10.68	69	30	46	-2
Patuxent River	0.67	26.84	-10.77	72	36	51	3
Ocean City	0.58	27.15	-12.65	65	32	49	-1
Salisbury	0.44	25.69	-14.65	71	24	48	-2
Sharpsburg	1.45	30.62	-4.47	66	26	45	3
Stevensville	0.85	31.00	-6.25	67	32	48	-1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.16	29.63	-4.56	69	35	51	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.48	31.24	-8.04	68	32	49	-1
Georgetown	0.29	27.86	-11.18	71	31	48	2
Wilmington	0.66	36.08	0.09	64	33	50	4

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

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