



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW 02-08

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Weather favorable for planting crops

For the week ending, April 13, 2008, the **days suitable for fieldwork** were 5.0 days in Maryland and 4.2 days in Delaware. Cooler than normal temperatures and rain during the week has replenished the soil moisture to adequate. Farmers are preparing for spring planting by repairing equipment and purchasing seed. Some farmers are preparing the ground for the seed with fertilizer and lime.

Vegetables are beginning to be planted throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Fruit** crops have started to bloom above average. **Small grains** are in good to excellent condition. **Hay supplies** are short throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
<u>Small Grains Planted</u>								
Barley	100	0	55	-	100	0	100	20
<u>Vegetables Planted</u>								
Cucumbers	5	0	0	4	-	-	-	-
Green Peas	50	20	36	44	71	58	49	46
Potatoes	75	21	57	38	65	55	48	36
Snap Beans	5	0	2	1	-	-	-	-
Sweet Corn	20	13	6	9	-	-	-	-
Tomatoes	12	9	4	12	-	-	-	-
<u>Fruits</u>								
Apples Bloomed	12	0	3	4	13	0	31	17
Peaches Bloomed	31	0	19	24	88	0	65	48
Strawberries Bloomed	46	0	33	23	23	0	23	14

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING April 13, 2008

Condition by Percent	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	4	6	35	32	6	5	17	20
Adequate	91	89	61	66	88	91	81	77
Surplus	5	5	4	2	6	4	2	3

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 2008

Weather Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total this week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		from	from				
week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal	
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.23	8.89	-2.06	78	41	55	3
Frederick	0.84	10.63	0.85	82	41	55	9
Frostburg	0.18	10.96	-1.21	72	36	51	7
Hagerstown	0.61	8.13	-1.56	77	42	56	7
Mechanicsville	0.32	8.26	-4.14	82	42	55	3
Patuxent River	0.12	7.41	-3.53	74	43	54	1
Ocean City	0.52	8.91	-4.39	72	46	53	1
Salisbury	0.25	9.13	-3.69	77	42	54	2
Sharpsburg	1.15	8.98	-0.90	82	41	55	9
Stevensville	0.86	10.45	-0.98	77	43	54	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.42	9.89	0.06	82	44	58	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.91	10.15	-1.60	77	42	54	2
Georgetown	0.18	9.06	-3.42	78	42	54	4
Wilmington	0.21	10.99	0.08	75	39	52	2

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

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.