



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW 07-08

5/19/2008

High Winds and Rain Make Field Activity Difficult

For the week ending, May 18, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **2.9** days in **Maryland** and **2.7** days in **Delaware**. Heavy rains and high winds delayed planting and damaged several crops. One crop reporter on the Northern Eastern Shore reported: "Now of course farmers are allowed to complain about too much rain. Pastures are looking better. We do need some heat to go with the water."

Hay harvest has been significantly delayed due to frequent rainfall. **Hay supplies** have improved from very short, to short to adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Apples** and **peaches** were reported at near 100% in both states. Recent high winds damaged a number of fruit trees which may affect tree fruits later. Several **small grain** fields were still experiencing severe lodging. Early harvesting of **green peas** has begun in a few areas. **Potatoes** were reported at nearly 100% planted in both states. **Barley** and **Wheat** fields suffered some damage due to rain and high winds, despite the weather the crops were reported in good condition with winter wheat heads starting to turn color. **Corn** and **soybean** planting has continued regardless of inclement weather. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	25	22	55	33	35	26	42	36
Apples, bloomed	100	99	100	99	99	92	100	99
Barley, headed	97	89	93	95	98	98	100	96
Barley, turned	5	0	5	3	5	1	6	4
Cantaloup, planted	41	34	46	47	19	11	33	45
Corn, planted	70	64	81	80	82	81	89	86
Corn, emerged	42	27	50	53	64	48	69	59
Cucumbers, planted	32	27	19	26	18	8	22	25
Green Peas, planted	93	93	47	60	100	100	73	66
Green Peas, harvested	0	0	11	7	0	0	0	2
Lima Beans, planted	20	16	49	28	2	1	6	9
Other Hay, 1st cutting	22	17	44	30	49	23	28	30
Peaches, bloomed	100	99	93	96	100	100	100	99
Potatoes, planted	99	99	98	97	99	98	99	97
Snap Beans, planted	31	22	20	30	29	23	40	43
Soybeans, planted	13	10	20	19	16	13	25	18
Soybeans, emerged	3	1	0	0	5	2	0	0
Strawberries, bloomed	94	85	99	94	88	77	100	95
Strawberries, harvested	14	10	16	12	18	8	11	11
Sweet Corn, planted	54	49	73	62	45	38	50	46
Tomatoes, planted	57	57	37	49	29	18	31	41
Watermelon, planted	71	45	41	49	27	21	41	49
Winter Wheat, headed	87	70	66	66	81	62	80	71

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	5	15	57	23	0	2	7	70	21
Pasture	0	5	22	58	15	1	8	51	33	7
Winter Wheat	0	1	20	49	30	0	1	6	72	21

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 18, 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	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Short	5	6	6	21	0	0	0	5
Adequate	50	61	69	61	80	91	91	94
Surplus	44	32	23	14	20	9	9	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 18, 2008

Weather Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total	Since Jan 1					Depart
		this	Normal				
				week	Total	Normal	High
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	4.29	19.02	4.15	76	43	59	-5
Frederick	3.02	19.81	5.82	76	39	57	-4
Frostburg	2.72	20.28	2.82	69	36	51	-7
Hagerstown	2.27	14.64	0.70	74	39	56	-7
Mechanicsville	3.29	15.92	-0.74	77	44	59	-6
Patuxent River	3.42	14.22	-0.72	78	44	61	-4
Ocean City	2.58	15.23	-1.78	77	43	61	-4
Salisbury	3.06	16.74	0.08	77	38	60	-5
Sharpsburg	4.57	19.33	5.24	75	37	54	-7
Stevensville	3.30	20.32	4.71	75	49	61	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	4.76	21.82	8.29	80	48	62	-5
Delaware							
Dover	2.02	15.35	-0.70	76	42	60	-5
Georgetown	2.76	13.82	-2.64	77	44	60	-3
Wilmington	1.59	15.41	0.27	77	41	59	-5

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.