



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW28-08

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Light Frost Has Little Affect on Harvesting

For the week ending, October 12, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.7** in **Delaware** and **6.5** in **Maryland**. In Delaware, soil moisture was rated short to adequate, while in Maryland soil moisture was mostly adequate. Pockets of frost were reported throughout Maryland and dry conditions in Delaware. Good harvesting weather has allowed most farmers to get ahead of normal schedule. One crop reporter in the Western part of Maryland reported: *“The leaves are very colorful in Garrett County this week. We did have a spotty frost last week which affected some of the corn crop. Most of it is mature enough that it will not affect the harvest.”*

Alfalfa hay harvest continues in the fourth cutting for both States. Maryland reported 85 percent complete and Delaware, 76 percent complete for the fourth cutting. In Maryland alfalfa hay has also progressed 24 percent into the fifth cutting and has begun in Delaware. Harvest of **other hay** continued, with the third cutting nearing completion at 81 percent for Delaware and 91 percent for Maryland. Harvest of **corn for grain** was winding down with some field corn taking a while to dry in Delaware and Maryland. Corn condition in Maryland was fair to good, in Delaware, mostly fair. Harvest is nearing completion in both States, with Maryland reporting 70 percent complete and Delaware, 74 percent complete. **Soybean** harvest is in full swing with farmers switching between field corn and soybeans to keep harvesting. Soybean conditions were reported fair for both States and both States have completed 15 percent of soybean harvest. Some farmers were reported to be waiting for rain before planting small grains, while others have already planted cover crop.

The **apple** harvest was 57 percent complete in Delaware and 89 percent complete in Maryland with good quality. Harvest of **lima beans** for processing was close to completion at 93 percent in Delaware and 92 percent in Maryland. Vegetable harvest of late fall crops and late summer crops continued.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2008

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	85	78	88	76	76	69	66	72
Alfalfa Hay, 5 th cutting	24	14	19	12	2	0	19	12
Apples, harvested	89	80	89	80	57	40	79	76
Barley, planted	75	54	66	52	46	22	43	41
Corn, mature	98	96	96	96	100	98	98	99
Corn, harvested for grain	70	62	68	65	74	62	72	79
Corn, harvested for silage	94	92	50	84	96	92	74	90
Lima Beans, harvested	92	88	73	85	93	87	65	84
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	91	86	60	80	81	73	77	92
Other Hay, 4 th cutting	47	41	43	53	8	6	54	46
Soybeans, turning color	92	85	78	80	85	76	76	79
Soybeans, dropping leaves	77	67	73	68	60	46	66	71
Soybeans, harvested	15	9	21	17	15	8	18	12
Winter wheat, planted	29	14	29	25	15	3	12	14
Winter wheat, emerged	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Corn	1	15	32	39	13	7	20	46	18	9
Pasture	1	14	36	44	5	7	29	52	11	1
Soybeans	9	20	30	35	6	12	27	43	15	3

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 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	2	0	3	1	6	1	7	4
Short	25	14	23	21	27	28	43	48
Adequate	71	84	74	78	67	70	50	48
Surplus	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Since Jan 1		Depart From	High	Low	Average	Depart from
	Total						
	this Week	Total	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.88	30.67	2.91	88	55	73	-1
Frederick	1.40	32.81	6.35	87	57	70	2
Frostburg	2.98	37.33	4.28	85	54	64	-2
Hagerstown	0.87	23.42	-2.79	88	57	71	0
Mechanicsville	0.57	31.38	0.57	88	60	72	-1
Patuxent River	0.63	30.54	1.84	89	65	75	3
Ocean City	0.08	24.56	-6.92	90	56	76	4
Salisbury	0.76	27.80	-3.74	90	48	74	1
Sharpsburg	1.08	31.74	5.18	89	54	70	2
Stevensville	0.20	35.68	6.93	87	58	72	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.67	33.53	7.35	92	68	77	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.34	23.06	-6.95	89	55	73	-1
Georgetown	0.18	19.19	-11.43	93	54	76	4
Wilmington	0.06	25.52	-2.37	87	57	73	1

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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