



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Cool & Dry Weather Conditions as Harvest Continues

For the week ending, October 19, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.7** in **Delaware** and **6.6** in **Maryland**. In Delaware and Maryland, soil moisture was rated short to adequate. One crop reporter on the Upper Eastern Shore reported: *“Weather conditions have been dry. Farmers have been harvesting corn and soybeans. Winter Wheat is being planted and growing well. Pastures have rebounded somewhat, conditions are still dry.”*

Alfalfa hay harvest in the fourth cutting was nearing completion for both States. Maryland reported 92 percent complete and Delaware, 79 percent complete for the fourth cutting. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay is well under way with 38 percent completion in Maryland and 16 percent in Delaware. Harvest of **other hay** continued, with the third cutting nearing completion at 96 percent for Maryland and 86 percent for Delaware. Harvest of **corn for grain** continued despite some losses due to lodging. Corn condition in Maryland was fair to good, in Delaware, mostly fair. Harvest is nearing completion in both States, with Maryland reporting 78 percent complete and Delaware, 83 percent complete. **Soybean** conditions were reported mostly fair in Delaware and good in Maryland. Both States have reported over 90 percent of soybeans turning color with more than 65 percent dropping leaves, and over 20 percent harvested. **Barley** planting was almost complete with 85 percent in the ground in Maryland and 72 percent in Delaware. **Winter Wheat** planting continued, with 53 percent reported planted in Maryland and 31 percent in Delaware. Over 5 percent has emerged in both States.

The **apple** harvest was 69 percent complete in Delaware and 94 percent complete in Maryland with good quality. **Lima beans** for processing harvest neared completion with both States at 96 percent. Vegetable harvest of late summer and fall crops continued.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 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	92	85	90	81	79	76	69	77
Alfalfa Hay, 5 th cutting	38	24	23	17	16	2	20	17
Apples, harvested	94	89	89	88	69	57	84	82
Barley, planted	85	75	76	67	72	46	59	60
Corn, mature	99	98	96	98	100	100	98	100
Corn, harvested for grain	78	70	72	75	83	74	75	84
Corn, harvested for silage	96	94	50	86	100	96	100	98
Lima Beans, harvested	96	92	74	87	96	93	70	88
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	96	91	60	80	86	81	77	92
Other Hay, 4 th cutting	52	47	60	65	13	8	56	52
Soybeans, turning color	95	92	78	84	92	85	76	84
Soybeans, dropping leaves	86	77	86	82	68	60	79	85
Soybeans, harvested	29	15	34	26	23	15	27	19
Winter wheat, planted	53	29	43	38	31	15	26	28
Winter wheat, emerged	7	3	0	0	11	4	0	0

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Corn	2	12	32	41	13	7	20	46	18	9
Pasture	2	15	31	47	5	7	29	52	11	1
Soybeans	9	17	25	42	7	12	27	38	20	3

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 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	3	2	3	3	7	6	8	7
Short	35	25	30	23	43	27	51	43
Adequate	61	71	67	74	50	67	41	50
Surplus	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 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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