



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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First Frost and Relieving Rain

For the week ending, October 26, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.0** in **Delaware** and **5.9** in **Maryland**. In Delaware and Maryland, soil moisture was rated short to adequate. One crop reporter in Southern Maryland reported: *“Received much needed showers Saturday which really gave the small grains a jump in growth.”*

Alfalfa hay harvest in the fourth cutting was approaching completion for both States. Maryland reported 93 percent complete and Delaware, 81 percent complete for the fourth cutting. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was nearing the halfway point with 49 percent completion in Maryland and 33 percent in Delaware. Harvest of **other hay** continued, with the third cutting nearing completion at 97 percent for Maryland and 92 percent for Delaware. **Corn harvested for grain** 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, 93 percent complete. **Corn harvested for silage** was reported complete in both Maryland and Delaware. The recent frost helped in quickly drying down the corn. **Soybean** conditions were reported mostly fair in Delaware and good in Maryland. Both States have reported over 95 percent of soybeans turning color with more than 80 percent dropping leaves, and over 30 percent harvested. The frost impacted double crop soybeans and increased the rate of leaves dropping. **Barley** planting was almost complete with 95 percent in the ground in Maryland and 85 percent in Delaware. **Winter Wheat** planting continued, with 64 percent reported planted in Maryland and 46 percent in Delaware. Over 15 percent has emerged in both States.

The **apple** harvest was 80 percent complete in Delaware and 97 percent complete in Maryland with good quality. **Lima beans** for processing harvest was reported complete in Delaware and at 99 percent completion in Maryland.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 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	93	92	91	85	81	79	77	82
Alfalfa Hay, 5 th cutting	49	38	28	23	33	16	25	23
Apples, harvested	97	94	92	94	80	69	89	91
Barley, planted	95	85	82	81	85	72	76	80
Corn, harvested for grain	87	78	81	82	93	83	86	91
Corn, harvested for silage	100	96	50	89	100	100	100	100
Lima Beans, harvested	99	96	78	89	100	96	75	90
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	97	96	60	80	92	86	81	93
Other Hay, 4 th cutting	57	52	62	69	21	13	62	57
Soybeans, turning color	97	95	78	84	97	92	80	87
Soybeans, dropping leaves	93	86	93	89	82	68	91	94
Soybeans, harvested	39	29	45	36	30	23	32	31
Winter wheat, planted	64	53	67	55	46	31	42	46
Winter wheat, emerged	15	7	9	2	21	11	18	4

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Corn	1	12	33	40	14	7	18	42	24	9
Pasture	2	14	34	45	5	8	20	52	19	1
Soybeans	8	19	26	39	8	12	27	31	27	3
Winter Wheat	0	8	40	51	1	0	0	1	73	26

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 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	4	3	5	3	4	7	6	8
Short	27	35	25	30	31	43	44	51
Adequate	68	61	70	67	63	50	48	41
Surplus	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Since Jan 1						
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.72	38.73	5.1	68	32	50	-5
Frederick	1.21	40.10	7.6	64	30	47	-4
Frostburg	0.60	41.57	2.62	63	26	42	-5
Hagerstown	1.06	27.73	-4.31	62	30	49	-4
Mechanicsville	0.57	36.19	-1.23	67	32	48	-7
Patuxent River	0.32	34.05	-1.08	72	35	54	-1
Ocean City	0.22	28.41	-9.02	75	39	56	2
Salisbury	0.36	32.78	-5.28	72	28	50	-6
Sharpsburg	1.34	38.53	5.93	64	26	45	-5
Stevensville	1.00	40.66	5.8	67	34	50	-5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.84	40.86	8.87	68	38	53	-5
Delaware							
Dover	1.05	27.56	-9.5	71	35	52	-5
Georgetown	0.64	25.88	-10.83	74	35	53	-2
Wilmington	1.12	31.87	-1.84	70	33	50	-4

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

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