



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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### Seasonal Temperatures

For the week ending, November 02, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were 4.7 in **Delaware** and 5.4 in **Maryland**. In Delaware and Maryland, soil moisture was rated mostly adequate. One crop reporter on the Northern Eastern Shore reported: *“Had rain and wind the first part of the week. Crops look good and the wheat is about 5 inches in height. Farmers are harvesting their corn at this time.”*

**Alfalfa hay** harvest in the fourth cutting was approaching completion for both States. Maryland reported 97 percent complete and Delaware, 82 percent complete. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay cleared the halfway point with 53 percent completion in Maryland and 42 percent in Delaware. Harvest of **other hay** continued, with the third cutting nearing completion at 99 percent for Maryland and 97 percent for Delaware. **Corn harvested for grain** is nearing completion in both States, with Maryland reporting 91 percent complete and Delaware, 96 percent complete. **Soybean** conditions were reported mostly fair in Delaware and good in Maryland. Both States have reported 98 percent of soybeans turning color with more than 85 percent dropping leaves, and over 40 percent harvested. The soybean rust danger period has been over for well over a month however, some rust was reported on the Maryland Eastern Shore. **Barley** planting was almost complete with 97 percent in the ground in Maryland and 95 percent in Delaware. **Winter Wheat** planting continued, with 74 percent reported planted in Maryland and 67 percent in Delaware. Over 30 percent has emerged in both States. There was some concern about herbicide carryover due to the dry summer conditions, affecting both barley and wheat.

The **apple** harvest was 88 percent complete in Delaware and 99 percent complete in Maryland with good quality. **Lima beans** for processing harvest was reported complete in both Delaware and Maryland.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 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	97	93	95	89	82	81	87	86
Alfalfa Hay, 5 <sup>th</sup> cutting	53	49	30	32	42	33	30	28
Apples, harvested	99	97	97	97	88	80	94	94
Barley, planted	97	95	90	90	95	85	87	90
Corn, harvested for grain	91	87	90	88	96	93	94	96
Corn, harvested for silage	100	100	54	91	100	100	100	100
Other Hay, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	99	97	64	82	97	92	86	94
Other Hay, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	60	57	66	73	23	21	74	64
Soybeans, turning color	98	97	82	86	98	97	85	91
Soybeans, dropping leaves	96	93	95	94	86	82	98	98
Soybeans, harvested	48	39	54	48	41	30	45	42
Winter wheat, planted	74	64	80	68	67	46	57	62
Winter wheat, emerged	34	15	43	9	37	21	35	7

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Pasture	2	12	33	48	5	6	19	54	20	1
Soybeans	9	18	25	39	9	12	25	32	28	3

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

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 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	5	4	6	5	4	4	6	6
Short	23	27	25	25	21	31	35	44
Adequate	72	68	69	70	75	63	59	48
Surplus	0	1	0	0	2	8	2	2

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.43	39.16	4.83	74	31	49	-3
Frederick	0.31	40.41	7.14	72	30	46	-2
Frostburg	0.36	41.93	2.21	65	28	42	-4
Hagerstown	0.01	27.74	-5.07	73	33	49	-2
Mechanicsville	0.50	36.69	-1.50	71	30	47	-6
Patuxent River	0.37	34.42	-1.48	74	33	51	-3
Ocean City	0.17	28.58	-9.62	77	33	54	2
Salisbury	0.30	33.08	-5.75	73	24	48	-6
Sharpsburg	0.08	38.61	5.24	75	26	46	-2
Stevensville	0.57	41.23	5.63	73	32	48	-6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.25	41.11	8.42	74	36	50	-5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.58	28.14	-9.62	73	34	50	-4
Georgetown	0.43	26.31	-11.17	74	31	51	-2
Wilmington	0.65	32.52	-1.87	71	31	49	-3

<sup>1/</sup>Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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