



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW32-08

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Rain Delays Field Activity

For the week ending, November 10, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **2.7** in **Delaware** and **4.2** in **Maryland**. In Delaware and Maryland, soil moisture was rated mostly adequate. One crop reporter in Southern Maryland reported: *“Recent rains provided much needed moisture. Soybean harvest slowed with wet weather. Harvest of fall vegetables continues.”*

Alfalfa hay harvest in the fourth cutting was approaching completion for both States. Maryland reported 98 percent complete and Delaware, 82 percent complete. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay cleared the halfway point with 57 percent completion in Maryland and 49 percent in Delaware. Harvest of **other hay** continued, with the third cutting reported complete in Maryland and 97 percent for Delaware. The fourth cutting of other hay was well underway in both states with 72 percent completion in Maryland and 42 percent in Delaware. **Corn harvested for grain** was reported complete in Delaware and nearing completion in Maryland, with Maryland reporting 97 percent complete. **Soybean** harvest was well underway in both States with Delaware reporting 99 percent of beans turning color, 91 percent dropping leaves, and 58 percent harvested. Maryland reported 100 percent of both beans turning color and dropping leaves, with 55 percent harvested. **Barley** conditions were reported mostly good in both States. Planting was almost complete with both States reporting 98 percent in the ground. **Winter Wheat** planting continued, with 85 percent reported planted in Maryland and 74 percent in Delaware. Over 60 percent has emerged in both States with mostly good conditions. There was some concern about tip burn and winter annual weeds.

The **apple** harvest was 94 percent complete in Delaware and 99 percent complete in Maryland with good quality.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 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	98	97	96	91	83	82	94	89
Alfalfa Hay, 5 th cutting	57	53	50	46	49	42	46	37
Apples, harvested	99	99	99	100	94	88	99	98
Barley, planted	98	97	96	96	98	95	94	96
Corn, harvested for grain	97	91	94	92	100	96	96	97
Other Hay, 3 rd cutting	100	99	69	86	98	97	91	96
Other Hay, 4 th cutting	72	60	71	76	41	23	81	68
Soybeans, turning color	100	98	87	90	99	98	90	94
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	96	99	98	91	86	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	55	48	71	65	58	41	61	62
Winter wheat, planted	85	74	87	80	74	67	78	78
Winter wheat, emerged	62	34	63	30	60	37	48	56

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	1	25	73	1	0	0	4	76	20
Pasture	1	13	28	54	4	8	19	51	21	1
Winter Wheat	0	1	29	69	1	0	0	3	78	19

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 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	0	5	0	6	4	4	5	6
Short	14	23	20	25	16	21	24	35
Adequate	84	72	79	69	71	75	71	59
Surplus	2	0	1	0	9	0	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2008

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Since Jan 1		Depart From Normal	High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
	Total						
	this Week	Total	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.24	39.40	4.31	70	40	57	8
Frederick	0.11	40.52	6.48	71	40	55	11
Frostburg	0.02	41.95	1.40	70	37	51	9
Hagerstown	0.07	27.81	-5.81	71	44	56	10
Mechanicsville	0.50	37.19	-1.82	70	38	56	7
Patuxent River	1.05	35.47	-1.20	69	38	58	8
Ocean City	3.70	32.28	-6.69	67	41	61	10
Salisbury	1.41	34.49	-5.05	66	33	57	6
Sharpsburg	0.04	38.65	4.51	74	35	55	10
Stevensville	0.49	41.72	5.35	70	48	57	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.10	41.21	7.82	70	46	58	6
Delaware							
Dover	0.94	29.08	-9.38	64	42	56	5
Georgetown	1.81	28.12	-10.12	65	39	56	7
Wilmington	0.41	32.93	-2.18	66	44	56	8

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

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