



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Rains Bring Cool Weather

For the week ending, November 16, 2008, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.7** in **Delaware** and **3.5** in **Maryland**. In Delaware and Maryland, soil moisture was rated mostly adequate. One crop reporter on the Upper Eastern Shore reported: *“Had a rain storm on Saturday that brought about 2 inches of rain and high winds. Temperature was in the 60’s before the storm came, afterwards in the 40’s. Farmers are harvesting soybeans and finishing planting their wheat and barley.”*

Alfalfa hay harvest in the fourth cutting was approaching completion for both States. Maryland reported 99 percent complete and Delaware, 88 percent complete. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay cleared the halfway point with 67 percent completion in Maryland and 51 percent in Delaware. Harvest of **other hay** continued, with the third cutting reported complete in Maryland and Delaware. The fourth cutting of other hay was well underway in both states with 81 percent completion in Maryland and 63 percent in Delaware. **Corn harvested for grain** was reported complete in Delaware and nearing completion in Maryland, with Maryland reporting 98 percent complete. **Soybean** harvest was well underway in both States with Delaware reporting 93 percent of beans dropping leaves, and 63 percent harvested. Maryland reported 100 percent of beans dropping leaves and 69 percent harvested. Soybean yields were reported extremely variable but better than predicted given the extreme dry conditions in August. **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 neared completion, with 95 percent reported planted in Maryland and 78 percent in Delaware. Over 60 percent has emerged in both States with mostly good conditions.

The **apple** harvest was complete in Delaware and Maryland.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 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	99	98	96	97	88	83	95	94
Alfalfa Hay, 5 th cutting	67	57	62	56	51	49	58	46
Barley, planted	98	98	97	98	98	98	95	98
Corn, harvested for grain	98	97	95	94	100	100	97	98
Other Hay, 4 th cutting	81	72	74	79	63	41	84	73
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	100	100	100	93	91	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	69	55	79	76	63	58	74	76
Winter wheat, planted	95	85	93	88	78	74	89	85
Winter wheat, emerged	71	62	77	69	62	60	60	76

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2008

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	0	20	73	7	0	0	2	79	19
Pasture	0	15	27	54	4	8	18	43	30	1
Winter Wheat	0	1	23	71	5	0	0	2	79	12

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 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	0	0	0	4	4	4	5
Short	6	14	10	20	14	16	21	24
Adequate	86	84	87	79	69	71	68	71
Surplus	8	2	3	1	13	9	7	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 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	1.57	40.97	5.11	73	29	50	3
Frederick	1.34	41.86	6.99	68	29	46	4
Frostburg	0.92	42.87	1.48	54	21	38	-4
Hagerstown	1.07	28.88	-5.51	67	31	47	3
Mechanicsville	1.90	39.09	-0.76	75	29	49	0
Patuxent River	1.78	37.25	-0.24	74	37	52	3
Ocean City	1.61	33.89	-5.81	67	34	54	5
Salisbury	1.82	36.31	-3.93	74	25	50	1
Sharpsburg	2.22	40.87	5.90	69	23	45	3
Stevensville	2.33	44.05	6.91	72	38	51	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.51	42.72	8.63	74	37	51	2
Delaware							
Dover	2.05	31.13	-8.05	75	34	51	2
Georgetown	1.86	29.98	-8.96	75	33	52	5
Wilmington	1.88	34.81	-1.07	74	32	50	4

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

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