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# **Crop Progress & Condition**

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Good/Excellent Week for Field Work: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Maryland, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 1, 2019. In Delaware, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Maryland's Topsoil moisture supplies were 19 percent very short, 44 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 20 percent very short, 35 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Delaware's topsoil moisture supplies were 25 percent very short, 53 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 37 percent very short, 31 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Pasture conditions for Maryland ranged from 1 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 56 percent fair, 30 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Pasture conditions for Delaware ranged from 6 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 23 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 1, 2019 (in percent)

| Item    | Very<br>Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |  |
|---------|---------------|-------|----------|---------|--|
| TOPSOIL | 19            | 44    | 37       | 0       |  |
| SUBSOIL | 20            | 35    | 45       | 0       |  |

## MD Crop Conditions as of September 1, 2019 (in percent)

| Item                 | Very<br>Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| APPLES               | 0            | 0    | 0    | 48   | 52        |
| CORN                 | 0            | 12   | 32   | 40   | 16        |
| HAY,<br>ALFALFA      | 0            | 0    | 0    | 75   | 25        |
| HAY, OTHER           | 2            | 4    | 53   | 40   | 1         |
| PASTURE<br>AND RANGE | 1            | 13   | 56   | 30   | 0         |
| SOYBEANS             | 1            | 15   | 44   | 34   | 6         |

### MD Crop Progress as of September 1, 2019 (in percent)

| Item              | This | Last | Last | 5 Year |
|-------------------|------|------|------|--------|
|                   | Week | Week | Year | Avg.   |
| APPLES:           | 20   | 17   | 26   | 29     |
| HARVESTED         |      |      |      |        |
| CORN: DOUGH       | 90   | 85   | 70   | N/A    |
| CORN: DENTED      | 58   | 29   | 40   | 47     |
| CORN: MATURE      | 6    | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| CORN AVERAGE      | 95   | 90   | 92   | N/A    |
| HEIGHT: (IN.)     |      |      |      |        |
| CUCUMBERS:        | 86   | 85   | 75   | 80     |
| HARVESTED         |      |      |      |        |
| HAY, ALFALFA:     | 95   | 88   | 77   | 85     |
| THIRD CUTTING     |      |      |      |        |
| HAY, ALFALFA:     | 26   | 13   | 35   | 52     |
| FOURTH CUTTING    |      |      |      |        |
| HAY, OTHER: THIRD | 56   | 52   | 54   | 45     |
| CUTTING           |      |      |      |        |
| PEACHES:          | 95   | 84   | 87   | N/A    |
| HARVESTED         |      |      |      |        |
| SNAP BEANS:       | 89   | 88   | 92   | 74     |
| HARVESTED         |      |      |      |        |
| SOYBEANS:         | 81   | 72   | 69   | 80     |
| SETTING PODS      |      |      |      |        |
| SOYBEANS: FULLY   | 43   | 15   | 42   | 44     |
| PODDED            |      |      |      |        |
| TOMATOES:         | 76   | 75   | 87   | 74     |
| HARVESTED         |      |      |      |        |
| WATERMELONS:      | 76   | 70   | 63   | 68     |
| HARVESTED         |      |      |      |        |

### DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 1, 2019

(in percent)

| Item    | Very<br>Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|---------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 25            | 53    | 22       | 0       |
| SUBSOIL | 37            | 31    | 32       | 0       |

#### **DE Crop Conditions as of September 1, 2019**

(in percent)

| Item                    | Very<br>Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| APPLES                  | 2            | 4    | 20   | 59   | 15        |
| CORN                    | 14           | 24   | 21   | 20   | 21        |
| HAY,<br>ALFALFA         | 4            | 11   | 34   | 37   | 14        |
| HAY,<br>OTHER           | 5            | 9    | 37   | 33   | 16        |
| PASTURE<br>AND<br>RANGE | 6            | 27   | 34   | 23   | 10        |
| SOYBEANS                | 4            | 16   | 42   | 23   | 15        |

#### <u>DE Crop Progress as of September 1, 2019</u> (in percent)

This Last Last 5 Year **Item** Week Week Year Avg. APPLES: 27 21 48 46 **HARVESTED** BEANS, LIMA: 63 61 55 50 **HARVESTED** CANTALOUPES: 92 89 90 N/A**HARVESTED** CORN: DOUGH 91 81 84 90 **CORN: DENTED** 48 27 50 65 **CORN: MATURE** 5 N/A N/A N/ACORN AVERAGE 80 79 98 N/AHEIGHT: (IN.) **CUCUMBERS:** 89 86 85 87 HARVESTED HAY, ALFALFA: 82 59 96 N/A THIRD CUTTING HAY. OTHER: 95 85 N/A N/A SECOND CUTTING HAY, OTHER: 54 25 79 64 THIRD CUTTING PEACHES: 95 89 N/A 96 **HARVESTED SNAP BEANS:** 87 86 94 89 **HARVESTED** SOYBEANS: 95 85 95 N/A **BLOOMING** SOYBEANS: 84 65 74 81 SETTING PODS SOYBEANS: FULLY 13 27 12 27 **PODDED** SWEET CORN: 93 88 92 N/A **HARVESTED** TOMATOES: 85 76 89 83 **HARVESTED** WATERMELONS: 93 91 90 N/A**HARVESTED** 

September 1, 2019 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

|          |   | Air Temperature Last Week |      |       |       | Precipitation |             |              |       |               |                      |
|----------|---|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------------|----------------------|
| State    | Station                                       | Max                       | Min  | Avg   | Norm  | DFN           | One<br>Week | Rain<br>Days | DFN   | Four<br>Weeks | Four<br>Weeks<br>DFN |
| Delaware | NORTHERN                                      |                           | Ì    |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Wilmington New Castle Co Ap                   | 82.6                      | 62.7 | 72.64 | 73.31 | -0.67         | N/A         | 0.0          | -0.68 | 2.26          | -0.62                |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 82.6                      | 62.7 | 72.64 | 73.31 | -0.67         | N/A         | 0            | -0.68 | 2.26          | -0.62                |
|          | SOUTHERN                                      |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Georgetown-Delaware Coastal<br>Airport        | 82.1                      | 64.0 | 73.07 | 73.77 | -0.7          | N/A         | 0.0          | -0.84 | 3.34          | 0.07                 |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 82.1                      | 64.0 | 73.07 | 73.77 | -0.70         | N/A         | 0            | -0.84 | 3.34          | 0.07                 |
|          | STATE TOTAL                                   | 82.2                      | 63.7 | 72.98 | 73.67 | -0.69         | 0.00        | 0            | -0.80 | 3.10          | -0.08                |
| Maryland | SOUTHEASTERN SHORE                            |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Ocean City Municipal Ap                       | 80.3                      | 66.4 | 73.36 | 73.16 | 0.2           | 0.07        | 1.0          | -0.65 | 2.52          | -1.54                |
|          | Salisbury-Wicomico Regional<br>Airport        | 83.6                      | 63.9 | 73.71 | 73.27 | 0.44          | 0.0         | 0.0          | -0.85 | 3.57          | -0.35                |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 81.9                      | 65.2 | 73.53 | 73.22 | 0.32          | 0.04        | 1            | -0.75 | 3.04          | -0.95                |
|          | LOWER SOUTHERN                                |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Mechanicsville 5 Ne                           | 78.3                      | 61.0 | 69.64 | 72.09 | -2.44         | 0.04        | 1.0          | -0.78 | 2.34          | -1.02                |
|          | Patuxent River Nas                            | 85.0                      | 66.9 | 75.93 | 75.14 | 0.79          | N/A         | 0.0          | -0.74 | 0.52          | -3.27                |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 81.7                      | 64.0 | 72.78 | 73.62 | -0.82         | 0.04        | 1            | -0.76 | 1.43          | -2.15                |
|          | UPPER SOUTHERN                                |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Baltimore-Washington<br>International Airport | 83.6                      | 63.6 | 73.57 | 73.37 | 0.2           | N/A         | 0.0          | -0.7  | 2.09          | -0.84                |
|          | Oxon Hill                                     | 83.1                      | 62.7 | 72.93 | 75.59 | -2.66         | N/A         | 0.0          | -0.85 | 2.0           | -1.31                |
|          | National Arboretum Dc                         | 83.9                      | 65.1 | 74.5  | 76.17 | -1.67         | N/A         | 0.0          | -0.69 | 3.04          | 0.02                 |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 83.5                      | 63.8 | 73.67 | 75.04 | -1.38         | N/A         | 0            | -0.75 | 2.38          | -0.71                |
|          | NORTHEASTERN SHORE                            |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Stevensville 2Sw                              | 83.4                      | 66.0 | 74.7  | 74.47 | 0.18          | N/A         | 0.0          | N/A   | 0.93          | N/A                  |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 83.4                      | 66.0 | 74.70 | 74.47 | 0.18          | N/A         | 0            | N/A   | 0.93          | N/A                  |
|          | NORTHERN CENTRAL                              |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Emmitsburg 2 Se                               | 79.9                      | 56.4 | 68.14 | 70.64 | -2.5          | 0.42        | 2.0          | -0.4  | 1.48          | -1.62                |
|          | Millers 4 Ne                                  | 78.6                      | 58.1 | 68.36 | 70.29 | -1.93         | 0.57        | 1.0          | -0.31 | 2.67          | -0.73                |
|          | Reisterstown 2 Nw                             | 79.4                      | 59.7 | 69.57 | N/A   | N/A           | 0.3         | 1.0          | N/A   | 2.37          | N/A                  |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 79.3                      | 58.1 | 68.69 | 70.47 | -2.21         | 0.43        | 2            | -0.35 | 2.17          | -1.18                |
|          | APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN                          |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Cumberland 2                                  | 80.6                      | 57.7 | 69.14 | 73.34 | -4.2          | 0.14        | 3.0          | -0.56 | 1.91          | -0.93                |
|          | Frostburg 2                                   | 73.4                      | 54.4 | 63.93 | 66.4  | -2.47         | 0.51        | 3.0          | -0.29 | 3.67          | 0.44                 |
|          | Hagerstown Washington<br>County Regional Ap   | 80.1                      | 62.7 | 71.43 | 71.39 | 0.04          | 0.12        | 1.0          | -0.58 | 1.65          | -1.21                |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 78.0                      | 58.3 | 68.17 | 70.38 | -2.21         | 0.26        | 3            | -0.48 | 2.41          | -0.57                |
|          | ALLEGHENY PLATEAU                             |                           |      |       |       |               |             |              |       |               |                      |
|          | Savage River Dam                              | 75.0                      | 54.6 | 64.79 | 67.49 | -2.7          | 0.32        | 3.0          | -0.45 | 2.7           | -0.3                 |
|          | Sines Deep Creek                              | 72.8                      | 51.0 | 61.92 | N/A   | N/A           | 0.45        | 3.0          | N/A   | 1.55          | N/A                  |
|          | Extreme/Average                               | 73.9                      | 52.8 | 63.36 | 67.49 | -2.70         | 0.39        | 3            | -0.45 | 2.12          | -0.30                |
|          | STATE TOTAL                                   | 80.2                      | 60.6 | 70.36 | 71.76 | -1.47         | 0.23        | 2            | -0.49 | 2.15          | -0.99                |

 $DFN = Departure \ from \ normal.$ 

 $Weather \ summary \ provided \ by \ the \ Southern \ Regional \ Climate \ Center, \ https://climdata.srcc.lsu.edu.$ 

### **REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County**

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

#### Frederick County, MD - Matt Morris

A good stretch of weather with timely rains occurred during this reporting period. Corn silage harvest is progressing well. A small amount of very early planted soybeans have been harvested.

#### Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

Mild temperatures prevailed during the reporting period. Precipitation was spotted but did occur in some areas. Peach harvest is almost complete and apples are coming on strong currently. Apples look very good in most areas. Corn harvest as forage has moved along very well in the region. Yields are good but not excellent. Grain corn is well into dent stage, with some considering the harvest in the next weeks. Pastures are showing decline due to dryer weather.

#### Sussex County, DE - Harry T Hudson III

Really dried up this week -non irrigated soybeans are suffering. Corn is pretty much done - some late irrigated corn still forming.