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Good Week for Field Work

Dry weather was a welcome change from the previous week, allowing Maryland farmers an average of 6.3 days suitable for field work for the week ending April 25th. Temperatures were above average with highs reaching into the 80's. The warm, dry conditions were perfect for planting. **Green pea, sweet corn, and cantaloup** planting progress advanced to 88 percent, 22 percent, and 16 percent complete respectively. **Corn** planting is underway at 17 percent complete.

Barley is 15 percent headed and rated 14 percent in excellent condition, 59 percent good, 18 percent fair, 4 percent poor, and 5 percent very poor. **Winter wheat** was rated 13 percent excellent, 63 percent good, 20 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

Pasture was rated 24 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 15 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 1 percent surplus, 51 percent adequate, 22 percent short, and 26 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	15	2	12	38
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	16	8	5	11
Cucumbers	9	3	3	6
Corn	17	3	9	14
Green Peas	88	56	75	78
Potatoes	45	40	55	73
Snap Beans	10	2	5	7
Sweet Corn	22	11	15	23
Tomatoes	28	23	17	18
Watermelons	6	2	4	9
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	43	11	41	48
Peaches	75	25	57	76
Strawberries	48	20	54	50

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	4	78	18
Topsoil (2003)	0	0	70	30
Five Year Avg	1	7	72	20
Subsoil Moisture	0	1	81	18
Subsoil (2003)	0	0	77	23
Five Year Avg	5	13	70	12

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4/25/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	83	47	62.9	14.6
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	89*	52*	68.2*	13.2
SMITHSBURG 2 NW NW	Washington	-	-	-	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	89	50	67.7	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	90	51	65.9	10.6
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	83	42	64.4	8.3
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	90*	55*	73.0*	15.9
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	84*	53*	69.3*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	85	48	62.1	7.8
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	85*	48*	65.2*	10.7
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	86	42	66.2	12.2

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure From Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure From Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	94	83	0.24	-0.70
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	0.27*	-0.72
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	109*	36	0.28	-0.49
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	-	-	0.22	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	124	-	0.66	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	111	46	0.68	-0.02
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.35	-0.49
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	111	43	0.21	-0.56
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	66*	-9	0.00*	-0.77
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	98*	-	0.04*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT Castle	New Castle	88	29	0.40	-0.37
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	95*	40	0.26*	-0.69
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	121	58	0.07	-0.70

*indicates incomplete weekly value

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