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Corn and Soybean Planting Progress Increases

Maryland farmers had air temperatures in the 80's and spotty thunderstorms which allowed farmers to increase planting progress for corn, soybeans, and vegetable crops. There were **6.2 days suitable for field work** for the week ending May 16, 2004. **Corn** is 81 percent planted, 8 percent above the five-year average and 14 percent above last year. **Soybean** planting is on schedule with 15 percent planted, 4 percent above the five-year average and 6 percent above last year.

Winter wheat is in good condition with 23 percent excellent, 56 percent good, 16 percent fair, and 5 percent poor. Wheat progress shows 71 percent of the crop has formed grain heads. **Barley** is in good condition with 34 percent excellent, 46 percent good, 14 percent fair, and 6 percent poor.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	98	86	88	93
Wheat Headed	71	34	35	67
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	51	39	50	60
Cucumbers	23	17	15	31
Field Corn	81	61	67	73
Lima Beans (Processed)	16	11	22	14
Snap Beans	37	30	18	24
Sorghum	30	15	14	10
Soybeans	15	5	9	11
Sweet Corn	60	50	46	60
Tobacco	11	3	11	20
Tomatoes	53	44	58	60
Watermelons	46	27	52	42
Harvesting Progress:				
Green Peas	5	2	3	3
Strawberries	9	3	4	16
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	22	6	12	25
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	25	13	13	20

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	4	11	78	7
Topsoil (2003)	-	1	58	41
Five Year Avg	10	26	52	11
Subsoil Moisture	-	2	92	6
Subsoil (2003)	-	1	79	20
Five Year Avg	4	29	61	6

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 5/16/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	83	53	68.4	13.1
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	90	52	73.2	11.9
SMITHSBURG 2 NW NW	Washington	80*	61*	70.5*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	90	51	73.2	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	88	60	75.5	13.5
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	86	58	73.7	11.3
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	87	58	74.3	11.3
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	87*	64*	76.3*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	86	60	73.5	11.8
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	85	47	72.0	10.4
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	87*	43*	70.8*	10.0

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure From Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure From Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	132	68	1.40*	0.28
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	1.04	0.02
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	157	56	0.05	-0.86
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	-	-	1.85	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	159	-	0.49	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	177	81	0.27	-0.64
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	1.25	0.20
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	168	72	0.38	-0.52
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	171	68	0.00	-0.97
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	132*	-	0.00*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT Castle	New Castle	166	75	0.61	-0.36
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	156	67	1.08	-0.03
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	128*	35	0.70*	-0.31

*indicates incomplete weekly value

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