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June 7, 2004

Small Grains in Good Condition

Air temperatures were in the high 70's or low 80's for most of the week and many Maryland farmers received between an inch to two inches of precipitation. There were 4.9 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending June 6, 2004. Planting of soybeans was 64 percent, well ahead of last year and the five-year average. Farmers are almost through with their first cutting of alfalfa and other hay with 87 percent and 71 percent, respectively.

Barley was in good condition with 36 percent rated excellent, 41 percent good, 16 percent fair, and 7 percent poor. Nearly all barley fields have turned color and a few fields are being harvested. **Winter wheat** was in good condition with 22 percent rated excellent, 51 percent good, 20 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. Wheat was 40 percent turned and harvest should begin in the next two to three weeks.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Turned	93	68	56	83
Wheat Turned	40	17	8	36
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	79	69	71	81
Cucumbers	37	34	37	53
Field Corn	98	95	88	95
Lima Beans (Processed)	40	37	36	43
Snap Beans	61	59	46	55
Sorghum	79	59	34	47
Soybeans	64	53	25	43
Sweet Corn	87	74	72	84
Tobacco	45	37	39	57
Tomatoes	80	73	73	87
Watermelons	86	71	74	73
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	8	0	0	12
Green Peas	31	25	24	31
Strawberries	74	55	41	58
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 1 st Cutting	87	62	28	71
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	71	54	27	61

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 6, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	5	74	21
Topsoil (2003)	-	-	26	74
Five Year Avg	10	16	53	21
Subsoil Moisture	3	3	80	14
Subsoil (2003)	-	-	42	58
Five Year Avg	9	25	51	15

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6/6/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	72*	50*	58.8*	-2.6
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	79	53	64.7	-2.6
SMITHSBURG 2 NW NW	Washington	79	52	63.8	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	81*	52*	64.1*	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	82	55	65.6	-3.0
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	83	51	66.4	-2.6
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	81	56	65.6	-3.3
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	83*	60*	68.9*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	80	57	64.8	-3.5
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	79*	56*	64.7*	-3.3
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	83	43	64.3	-3.1

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure From Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure From Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	55*	-35	0.75*	-0.23
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	1.07*	0.12
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	105	-23	0.75	-0.05
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	98	-	2.38	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	86*	-	3.08*	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	110	-23	2.44	1.60
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	2.57	1.55
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	116	-15	1.13	0.29
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	111	-21	2.28	1.30
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	95*	-	0.88*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT Castle	New Castle	106	-23	2.51	1.65
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	90*	-37	1.54*	0.55
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	106	-24	0.67	-0.19

* indicates incomplete weekly value

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