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Farmers Continue with Planting Process and Begin Harvest

Maryland farmers enjoyed **5.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending June 13, 2004. The harvest of small grains continued in between the rain showers, while **vegetables** and **soybeans** were being planted quickly. **Sorghum** planted was 88% compared to 38% this time last year. **Soybean** planted was 75% complete compared to only 34% last year. Some difficulties occurred with baling **hay** and **straw** due to the wet ground. **Corn** and **soybean** development is advancing nicely with the showers.

Topsoil moisture is 5% short, 75% adequate and 20% surplus. Crop conditions for **barley**, **corn**, **soybeans** and **winter wheat** are good to excellent. Pasture condition is 2% very poor, 5% poor, 17% fair, 44% good and 32% excellent.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	86	79	78	89
Cucumbers	39	37	42	60
Lima Beans (Processed)	47	40	40	49
Snap Beans	66	61	53	66
Sorghum	88	79	38	65
Soybeans	75	64	34	56
Sweet Corn	89	87	75	89
Tobacco	57	45	58	69
Tomatoes	89	80	77	92
Watermelons	97	86	76	82
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	36	8	-	29
Green Peas	52	31	29	45
Strawberries	81	74	58	76
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting	10	4	0	16
Other Hay 2nd Cutting	2	-	-	12

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	-	2	13	48	37
Corn	-	-	10	48	42
Soybeans	-	-	12	73	15
Pasture	2	5	17	44	32
Winter Wheat	2	3	19	52	24

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	5	75	20
Topsoil (2003)	-	-	26	74
Five Year Avg	10	16	54	20
Subsoil Moisture	3	3	85	9
Subsoil (2003)	-	-	40	60
Five Year Avg	11	24	50	15

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**CLIMATE
REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6/13/2004**

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	83	52	65.1	2.0
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	91	56	71.4	2.3
SMITHSBURG 2 NW NW	Washington	89	52	69.2	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	91	54	69.7	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	91	53	70.0	-0.6
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	90	43	67.9	-2.9
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	87*	58*	69.1*	-1.7
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	85*	54*	67.1*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	91	52	68.9	-1.2
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	89	55	68.6	-1.3
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	92	53	69.3	-0.1

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure From Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure From Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	108	7	1.95	1.04
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	1.40*	0.44
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	146	7	1.85	1.11
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	134	-	0.84	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	137	-	1.02	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	137	-9	0.78	-0.02
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.70	-0.28
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	127	-17	0.35	-0.47
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	77*	-66	0.00*	-0.98
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	87*	-	0.57*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT Castle	New Castle	131	-11	1.72	0.90
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	130	-9	0.67	-0.27
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	132	-12	0.55	-0.24

* indicates incomplete weekly value

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