

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW1503

JULY 14, 2003

### Vegetable Harvest Begins

Vegetable harvest is beginning for **watermelons, cucumbers, snap beans, sweet corn, tomatoes and cantaloupe**. **Potato** and **lima bean** harvest will get underway over the next week or two. Most vegetables, in terms of maturity, are behind normal by at least one to two weeks.

Rain last week resulted in **4.0 days suitable for field work** for the week ending July 13, 2003. Air temperatures ranged in the 80's for highs and the 60's for lows and soil temperatures were in the high 70's. Some farmers were still planting **soybeans** with 76 percent planted. **Corn** fields were starting to tassel and some fields were sparse with weak stands.

Small grain and hay harvest continues despite wet field conditions. Harvest is being hampered by weeds in some **barley** and **wheat** fields. Barley harvest is almost complete and wheat harvest is over half way complete. Test weights for both barley and wheat appear low.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Planting Progress:				
Soybeans	76	59	96	94
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	93	79	99	99
Winter Wheat	66	29	93	88
Cantaloupe	5	4	10	15
Cucumbers	15	10	35	39
Peaches	4	2	10	15
Snap Beans	14	7	50	32
Sweet Corn	10	6	27	22
Tomatoes	5	1	10	12
Crop Progress				
Corn Silked	15	9	45	41
Hay Harvested				
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	53	33	92	84
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	34	23	49	53

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	13	18	33	27	9
Soybeans	10	25	35	25	5
Sorghum	20	10	40	20	10
Tobacco	-	17	40	36	7
Pasture	2	5	24	46	23

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	4	70	26
Topsoil (2002)	29	48	23	-
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	75	25
Subsoil (2002)	44	44	12	-

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