



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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October 4, 2004

### Wet Week Slows Harvesting Progress

Rain showers and mild air temperatures resulted in 4.4 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 3, 2004. Wet fields delayed harvest for corn silage, apples, alfalfa hay, and other hay. **Corn for grain** harvest increased to 51 percent, 22 percent above last year and 9 percent above the five-year average. **Corn for silage** harvest was 89 percent complete compared to 62 percent last year and 81 percent for the five-year average. Approximately 70 percent of the **soybean** crop has turned color and 40 percent have dropped their leaves. Harvest has started with 7 percent complete.

**Alfalfa hay** 4<sup>th</sup> cutting increased 3 percent from last week to 75 percent complete. **Other hay** 4<sup>th</sup> cutting was 46 percent complete compared with 35 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	60	59	46	52
Corn for Grain	51	36	29	42
Corn for silage	89	85	62	81
Sorghum	36	25	14	22
Soybeans	7	3	1	4
Crop Progress:				
Corn Mature	93	86	84	91
Soybeans Turning Color	70	57	57	68
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	40	25	21	40
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	75	72	46	66
Alfalfa Hay 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	8	6	3	15
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	46	40	35	54
Planted Progress:				
Barley	37	13	16	21
Winter Wheat	19	4	2	7

#### CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	4	16	31	47
Pasture	0	6	27	39	28
Soybeans	2	3	16	51	28

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	5	69	26
Topsoil (2003)	0	1	61	37
Five Year Avg	2	18	67	13
Subsoil Moisture	4	2	82	12
Subsoil (2003)	0	0	68	32
Five Year Avg	12	20	58	10

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**Precipitation and Departures From Normal, Through September 30, 2004**

County	September 2004		Since April 1, 2004	
	Precipitation	Departure From Normal	Accumulated Precipitation	Accumulated Departure
<b>Maryland</b>				
Allegany	9.0	5.9	27.0	6.2
Anne Arundel	6.1	2.6	32.2	10.1
Baltimore	6.6	2.7	38.9	15.5
Calvert	3.9	0.4	30.8	8.4
Caroline	3.7	0.2	28.9	6.3
Carroll	6.6	2.9	30.4	7.6
Cecil	7.2	3.6	37.8	15.6
Charles	4.2	0.5	27.6	4.9
Dorchester	4.0	0.6	32.8	10.8
Frederick	7.0	3.3	30.0	7.3
Garrett	5.0	2.0	26.6	3.3
Harford	6.3	2.3	35.3	11.0
Howard	4.8	1.1	23.6	0.8
Kent	5.2	1.5	31.8	8.9
Montgomery	4.7	1.0	25.9	3.2
Prince George's	5.7	2.1	30.2	7.5
Queen Anne's	5.6	1.9	31.6	8.9
Somerset	2.8	-1.0	32.2	9.0
St. Mary's	3.8	0.3	33.1	10.5
Talbot	4.0	0.5	30.1	7.4
Washington	8.7	5.3	31.8	10.5
Wicomico	3.0	-0.7	31.2	8.0
Worcester	2.7	-0.8	32.8	10.1
<b>Delaware</b>				
New Castle	8.1	4.5	38.6	16.4
Kent	3.5	-0.4	26.6	3.1
Sussex	2.2	-1.3	24.9	1.9

Source: National Weather Service