

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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November 3, 2003

### Field Activity Slowing

As the winter season approaches, farmers are preparing their land and equipment for the cold weather. Rain during the early part of the week hampered field activity resulting in 3.9 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 2, 2003. **Corn** and **sorghum** harvest should be finished by the end of the week. Corn and sorghum are over 80 percent harvested. Soybean harvest is well underway with over 40 percent harvested. Harvest should be completed by the end of the month.

**Barley** is over 90 percent planted, slightly less than last year and the five-year average. Planting of **wheat** is 74 percent planted, 16 percent above last year and 7 percent above the five-year average. Both barley and wheat are in good to excellent condition.

A little progress was made for **other** and **alfalfa hay**. Rain hampered the making of good quality hay. **Hay supplies** are rated 53 percent adequate, 30 percent short, and 17 percent very short. **Pasture** is rated 22 percent excellent, 48 percent good, 23 percent fair, and 5 percent poor and 2 percent very poor.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Harvesting Progress:				
Corn, for grain	83	78	93	87
Sorghum	84	76	70	73
Soybeans	43	28	34	55
Crop Progress:				
Tobacco, stripped	22	18	25	23
Small Grains Planted:				
Barley	92	83	95	93
Wheat	74	60	58	67
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	77	75	92	95
Alfalfa Hay 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	13	10	34	55
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	90	88	81	90

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	-	5	24	64	7
Wheat	-	3	23	68	6
Pasture	2	5	23	48	22

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	2	74	24
Topsoil (2002)	1	8	67	24
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	82	18
Subsoil (2002)	12	42	42	4

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