

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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November 10, 2003

Corn Harvest Complete

Many farmers wrapped up their corn harvest this week. Air temperatures in the 80's for two days last week resulted in completion of **corn** and **sorghum** harvest. Rain arrived in the middle of the week which delayed soybean and hay harvest. Some areas of Maryland had up to 3 inches of rain. Cold temperatures replaced the warm weather after the rain moved through the area. There were 3.6 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 9, 2003.

Planting of **barley** is finished and the condition of the crop is good to excellent. **Wheat** is 80 percent planted and the condition is good to excellent. Some wheat will be planted behind soybeans, so wheat should be all seeded by the end of the month.

Soybeans are over 55 percent harvested, 19 percent above last year and 7 percent below the five-year average. Most farmers are finished with their harvesting of **other** and **alfalfa hay**. Some farmers are still harvesting a fifth cutting of alfalfa hay. **Hay supplies** are rated 54 percent adequate, 30 percent short and 16 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Harvesting Progress:				
Sorghum	94	84	74	82
Soybeans	58	43	39	65
Crop Progress:				
Tobacco, stripped	31	22	32	29
Small Grains Planted:				
Barley	96	92	97	96
Wheat	80	74	70	80
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	79	77	95	98
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	22	13	37	63
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	92	90	94	95

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	-	8	27	55	10
Wheat	-	5	19	65	11
Pasture	-	6	26	48	20

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	64	36
Topsoil (2002)	1	9	65	25
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	69	31
Subsoil (2002)	7	37	52	4

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Precipitation and Departures From Normal, Through October 31, 2003

County	October 2003		Since April 1, 2003	
	Precipitation	Departure From Normal	Accumulated Precipitation	Accumulated Departure
Maryland				
Allegany	2.6	-0.1	32.6	16.0
Anne Arundel	5.0	1.8	35.9	15.8
Baltimore	5.8	2.5	37.0	13.1
Calvert	4.4	1.3	39.4	19.3
Caroline	3.5	0.5	34.4	16.2
Carroll	5.2	2.0	36.0	13.0
Cecil	5.9	2.8	38.3	15.4
Charles	3.6	0.3	36.1	16.2
Dorchester	3.6	0.6	36.7	15.3
Frederick	4.7	1.5	39.1	19.4
Garrett	1/	1/	1/	1/
Harford	6.5	3.2	43.2	18.8
Howard	4.8	1.6	32.5	11.4
Kent	4.7	1.5	37.1	15.5
Montgomery	4.8	1.8	38.3	16.0
Prince George's	4.3	1.2	38.4	16.9
Queen Anne's	3.8	0.6	34.7	14.3
Somerset	3.9	0.7	28.6	7.0
St. Mary's	4.4	1.3	39.2	17.8
Talbot	3.5	0.3	33.6	13.0
Washington	3.4	0.4	33.8	13.4
Wicomico	4.0	0.7	31.4	9.9
Worcester	4.1	0.8	28.9	7.2
Delaware				
New Castle	4.7	1.5	36.0	15.2
Kent	3.4	0.2	36.8	12.8
Sussex	3.7	0.4	30.3	9.1

Source: National Weather Service

^{1/} Data unavailable