



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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November 8, 2004

FIELD ACTIVITY SLOWS

There were 5.0 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 7, 2004. Maryland farmers enjoyed air temperatures in the 70's last week. Many areas in the state received over an inch and a half of rain on Thursday last week. With corn for grain and sorghum harvest complete, farmers turned their attention to their soybean harvest. **Soybeans** were 56 percent harvested, 17 percent above last week and on target with last year and the five-year average.

A small amount of harvesting progress was made for **other** and **alfalfa hay**. Other hay 4th cutting and alfalfa hay 4th cutting increased 1 percent and alfalfa hay 5th cutting increased 2 percent from last week. **Hay supplies** were rated 8 percent surplus, 75 percent adequate, 11 percent short and 6 percent very short. **Pasture** was rated 25 percent excellent, 43 percent good, 25 percent fair, 5 percent poor and 2 percent very poor.

Barley was 97 percent planted and in good to excellent condition. **Winter wheat** was 83 percent planted, 5 percent above last year and 8 percent above the five-year average.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Corn for Grain	91	87	89	90
Sorghum	89	84	91	82
Soybeans	56	39	54	59
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	90	89	78	94
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	37	35	19	53
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	87	86	91	92
Planted Progress:				
Barley	97	90	95	94
Winter Wheat	83	70	78	75

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	2	5	25	43	25
Barley	3	3	7	56	31
Winter Wheat	0	3	6	62	29

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	3	86	11
Topsoil (2003)	0	1	67	33
Five Year Avg	11	18	57	14
Subsoil Moisture	2	4	86	8
Subsoil (2003)	0	0	73	27
Five Year Avg	11	24	57	8

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11/7/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		<i>Degrees F</i>			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	70*	41*	52.4*	9.7
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	76*	43*	58.1*	10.8
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	73*	41*	55.3*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	76*	40*	55.0*	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	71	36	52.3	3.3
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	73	28	52.4	0.5
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	78*	35*	55.2*	4.2
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	77*	50*	64.2*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	70	37	51.2	1.8
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	74	38	52.4	3.0
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	79*	35*	52.2*	2.2

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure from Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure from Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	27*	6	0.11*	-0.73
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	1.11*	0.26
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	45*	5	0.01*	-0.65
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	45*	-	0.89*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	43*	-	0.62*	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	49	7	1.82	1.12
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.90	0.09
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	59	8	1.25	0.48
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	51*	5	1.40*	0.56
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	29*	-	0.00*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	39	1	1.47	0.77
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	40	5	1.27	0.50
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	34*	-11*	1.02*	0.32

*indicates incomplete weekly value

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