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SOYBEAN HARVEST ADVANCES

There were 3.9 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 16, 2003. Farmers were able to make good progress on soybean harvest despite the rain last week. Air temperatures were in the 60's for highs and the 40's for lows. **Soybeans** are 71 percent harvested, 18 percent above last year and 5 percent below the five-year average. As long as the weather remains good, soybean harvest should wrap up in the next two weeks. A small amount of progress was made for planting of **winter wheat** and harvesting of **alfalfa hay**. **Hay supplies** are rated 53 percent adequate, 29 percent short and 18 percent very short. **Pasture** is rated 19 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 26 percent fair, 6 percent poor and 2 percent very poor.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Harvesting Progress:				
Soybeans	71	58	53	76
Crop Progress:				
Tobacco, stripped	35	31	35	33
Small Grains Planted:				
Wheat	86	80	76	88
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	25	22	42	71

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	-	4	22	61	13
Pasture	2	6	26	47	19

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	61	39
Topsoil (2002)	1	5	47	47
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	72	28
Subsoil (2002)	5	25	55	15

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