



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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SOYBEAN HARVEST WINDING DOWN

Maryland farmers received from 1 to 2.5 inches of rain last week resulting in 4.6 days suitable for field work for the week ending November 14, 2004. **Soybean** harvest continues with 71 percent complete, slightly above last year and the five-year average. **Other hay** 4th cutting and **alfalfa hay** fifth cutting harvest was wrapping up with 89 percent complete for other hay and 59 percent for alfalfa hay. **Pasture** was rated 26 percent excellent, 44 percent good, 24 percent fair, and 6 percent poor. **Hay supplies** was rated 7 percent surplus, 78 percent adequate, 10 percent short and 5 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Sorghum	98	89	98	87
Soybeans	71	56	67	69
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	59	37	24	57
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	89	87	93	96
Planted Progress:				
Winter Wheat	88	83	84	84

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	0	6	24	44	26
Barley	0	3	11	61	25
Winter Wheat	0	0	9	64	27

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	0	78	22
Topsoil (2003)	0	0	62	38
Five Year Avg	11	15	58	16
Subsoil Moisture	0	2	87	11
Subsoil (2003)	0	0	71	29
Five Year Avg	11	22	58	9

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11/14/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		<i>Degrees F</i>			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	60*	22*	37	-3.3
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	67*	24*	43.0*	-2.0
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	59*	20*	39.9*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	62*	22*	41.0*	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	58	26	42.9	-4.0
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	60	23	40.9	-8.9
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	70*	26*	44.3*	-4.8
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	55*	35*	45.0*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	58	27	41.1	-6.2
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	67*	32*	44.8*	-2.4
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	71*	26*	44.8*	-3.2

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure from Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure from Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	5*	-11	0.79*	-0.12
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	0.64	-0.29
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	14*	-17	0.70*	-0.00
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	5*	-	0.80*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	8*	-	1.15*	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT Baltimore	Baltimore	10	-24	1.78	1.08
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	1.41	0.54
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	13	-30	2.15	1.38
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	17*	-22	2.46*	1.63
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	3*	-	0.00*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle Castle	7	-23	1.49	0.76
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	9*	-18	1.48*	0.64
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	19*	-19	1.77*	1.07

*indicates incomplete weekly value

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