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Soybean Harvest Wrapping Up

Many farmers will be wrapping up their soybean harvest in the next two weeks assuming the rain does not prohibit them from working in their fields. A small amount of progress was made in **soybean** harvest with 77 percent harvested, 6 percent more than last week. Rain in the forecast for the early part of this week could delay soybean harvest. There were 3.6 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 23, 2003. Planting of **winter wheat** increased to 93 percent, 7 percent more than last week. Wheat is rated 10 percent excellent, 65 percent good, 22 percent fair, and 3 percent poor. **Hay supplies** are rated 57 percent adequate, 30 percent short and 13 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2003 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1998-2002
Harvesting Progress:				
Soybeans	77	71	62	85
Crop Progress:				
Tobacco, stripped	36	35	37	36
Small Grains Planted:				
Wheat	93	86	82	93
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	37	25	45	77

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	-	3	22	65	10
Pasture	2	6	25	50	17

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2003 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	60	40
Topsoil (2002)	-	2	54	44
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	67	33
Subsoil (2002)	4	18	67	11

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