



Maryland Agriculture Data



Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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December 1, 2003

Soybean Harvest Almost Complete

There were 4.4 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending November 30, 2003. **Soybeans** were 87 percent harvested, 11 percent more than last year and 6 percent less than the five-year average. Harvest of soybeans should finish up this week, assuming the weather will be good. Farmers are making their last few field preparations for the coming cold weather season.

Topsoil moisture was rated 66 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 80 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Precipitation for the month of November was above average for all of Maryland's 23 counties. Prince George's county received the most precipitation with 5.5 inches, 2.3 inches above normal. Worcester received the least amount of precipitation with 3.2 inches of rain, which is normal for this time of year.

This will be our last weekly crop and weather report for 2003 crop season. We will pick up with our weekly crop and weather reports in April 2004. We would like to thank all of our crop weather reporters for providing us this vital information.

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Precipitation and Departures From Normal, Through November 30, 2003

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County	November 2003		Since April 1, 2003	
	Precipitation	Departure From Normal	Accumulated Precipitation	Accumulated Departure
Maryland				
Allegany	3.9	1.0	36.5	17.0
Anne Arundel	5.0	1.8	40.9	17.6
Baltimore	4.7	1.2	41.7	14.3
Calvert	5.3	2.1	44.7	21.4
Caroline	5.3	2.0	39.7	18.2
Carroll	4.1	0.8	40.1	13.8
Cecil	4.1	0.9	42.4	16.3
Charles	4.8	1.7	40.9	17.9
Dorchester	5.2	2.0	41.9	17.3
Frederick	4.3	0.9	43.4	20.3
Garrett	5.1	2.4	^{1/}	^{1/}
Harford	5.0	1.4	48.2	20.2
Howard	4.3	1.0	36.8	12.4
Kent	4.4	1.1	41.5	16.6
Montgomery	4.6	1.3	42.9	17.3
Prince George's	5.5	2.3	43.9	19.2
Queen Anne's	4.2	1.0	38.9	15.3
Somerset	3.7	0.6	32.3	7.6
St. Mary's	4.6	1.5	43.8	19.3
Talbot	4.7	1.4	38.3	14.4
Washington	4.1	1.0	37.9	14.4
Wicomico	5.1	2.0	36.5	11.9
Worcester	3.2	0.0	32.1	7.2
Delaware				
New Castle	3.5	0.2	39.5	15.4
Kent	5.1	1.8	41.9	14.6
Sussex	5.4	2.1	35.7	11.2

Source: National Weather Service

^{1/}Data unavailable