



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Welcomed Showers Aid Dry Conditions

For the week ending, July 26, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.3** days in Delaware and **5.8** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported short to adequate in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. One crop reporter from Western Maryland commented “*Scattered rain showers have aided dry conditions. However, we have not received enough rain to completely alleviate the dry situation.*” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly good conditions.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in Delaware and Maryland from the previous week. Hay harvest continued to progress steadily in both States, with Maryland surpassing 70 percent and Delaware surpassing 90 percent in the second cutting. Both states continued advancing into the third cutting. **Corn** dough is at 13 percent in Delaware and 30 percent in Maryland. **Soybeans** blooming reached 25 percent in Delaware and 34 percent in Maryland. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. In both states, vegetable harvest is underway. **Winter wheat** harvested was virtually completed in both Delaware and Maryland. Harvest of **potatoes** is at 25 and 28 percent in Delaware and Maryland respectively. **Pasture** conditions are in fair conditions in Maryland and good conditions in Delaware.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, second cutting	86	82	100	97	85	83	100	99
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	39	25	47	43	21	9	44	39
Apples, harvested	18	10	13	11	5	5	2	3
Cantaloups, harvested	31	21	42	37	19	14	28	28
Corn, dough	30	8	26	23	13	8	25	39
Cucumbers, harvested	53	49	43	46	40	35	40	38
Lima Beans, harvested	17	11	21	37	11	6	10	13
Other Hay, second cutting	70	63	59	67	92	78	97	89
Other Hay, third cutting	6	4	7	9	5	2	7	9
Peaches, harvested	33	18	28	27	40	37	31	36
Potatoes, harvested	28	25	50	40	25	20	32	22
Snap Beans, harvested	55	45	46	55	34	24	44	49
Soybeans, blooming	34	13	39	39	25	9	36	37
Soybeans setting pods	6	2	7	12	8	3	10	11
Sweet Corn, harvested	40	29	40	44	25	19	38	36
Tomatoes, harvested	32	18	35	28	17	11	17	19
Watermelons, harvested	11	8	29	22	15	8	25	25
Winter Wheat, harvested	100	98	99	96	100	98	100	99

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	12	87	1	1	4	15	75	5
Corn	8	11	26	41	14	6	14	32	38	10
Pasture	5	12	45	33	5	2	6	36	54	2
Peaches	0	5	25	64	6	2	8	38	51	1
Soybeans	9	12	29	40	10	2	6	29	51	12

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2009

Condition by Percent	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	17	23	11	10	21	31	28	26
Short	38	37	39	32	49	32	31	28
Adequate	45	40	50	57	30	37	40	46
Surplus	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		From	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.00	25.18	3.74	88	56	72	-5
Frederick	0.30	23.40	2.05	84	56	70	-4
Frostburg	0.00	24.20	-1.41	80	49	63	-5
Hagerstown	0.04	16.24	-4.41	87	58	73	-2
Mechanicsville	0.00	20.39	-3.67	87	56	70	-7
Patuxent River	0.41	18.14	-3.56	89	60	74	-2
Ocean City	0.00	22.26	-1.03	86	59	75	-2
Salisbury	0.03	19.27	-4.0	86	52	71	-7
Sharpsburg	0.08	18.19	-3.16	84	51	69	-5
Stevensville	0.00	21.11	-1.42	86	56	70	-7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	23.26	3.48	88	63	74	-6
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	21.61	-1.40	86	58	71	-7
Georgetown	0.00	20.83	-1.75	89	58	74	-2
Wilmington	0.00	20.65	-1.14	86	57	71	-6

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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