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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Delaware had an average of 5.5 days suitable and Maryland had an average 5.0 days suitable for field work. The Region did not receive much precipitation days compare to last year last week. Maryland's Lima beans, Corn, Potatoes, and Green Peas planting is behind schedule compare to last year's planting percentage average. In Delaware Green Peas is ahead of schedule, but Corn, Sweet Corn and Potatoes planting is behind schedule compare to last year.

Field activities for week included corn planting, potatoes planting and lima beans planting.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 3, 2015 (in percent)

| Item    | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil | 2          | 8     | 82       | 8       |
| Subsoil | 1          | 7     | 88       | 4       |

## MD Crop Conditions as of May 3, 2015 (in percent)

| Item            | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| BARLEY          | 2         | 7    | 17   | 62   | 12        |
| PASTURE & RANGE | 1         | 5    | 26   | 51   | 17        |
| WINTER WHEAT    | 2         | 3    | 19   | 69   | 7         |

## MD Crop Progress as of May 3, 2015 (in percent)

| Item                    | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 Year Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| APPLES FULL BLOOM       | 30        | 28        | 38        | 84          |
| BEANS, LIMA PLANTED     | 7         | N/A       | 9         | <5          |
| CORN PLANTED            | 15        | N/A       | 23        | 38          |
| GREEN PEAS PLANTED      | 31        | 29        | 52        | 82          |
| PEACHES FULL BLOOM      | 70        | 46        | 66        | 88          |
| POTATOES PLANTED        | 13        | 10        | 65        | 88          |
| STRAWBERRIES FULL BLOOM | 38        | 21        | 57        | 68          |

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 3, 2015**

(in percent)

| Item    | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Topsoil | 2          | 10    | 74       | 14      |
| Subsoil | 7          | 11    | 72       | 10      |

**DE Crop Conditions as of May 3, 2015**

(in percent)

| Item            | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| BARLEY          | 3         | 9    | 44   | 36   | 8         |
| PASTURE & RANGE | 4         | 9    | 51   | 30   | 6         |
| WINTER WHEAT    | 4         | 8    | 42   | 40   | 6         |

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of May 3, 2015**

(in percent)

| State | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| MD    | 6          | 14    | 78       | 2       |
| DE    | 9          | 31    | 58       | 2       |

**DE Crop Progress as of May 3, 2015**

(in percent)

| Item                    | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 Year Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| APPLES FULL BLOOM       | 53        | 35        | 41        | 71          |
| BARLEY HEADED           | 11        | N/A       | 18        | 67          |
| CORN PLANTED            | 16        | N/A       | 24        | 49          |
| GREEN PEAS PLANTED      | 78        | 67        | 49        | 82          |
| PEACHES FULL BLOOM      | 81        | 70        | 56        | 81          |
| POTATOES PLANTED        | 34        | 27        | 55        | 72          |
| STRAWBERRIES FULL BLOOM | 27        | 16        | 32        | 76          |
| SWEET CORN PLANTED      | 5         | N/A       | 12        | 24          |

## May 3, 2015 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

|                 |                 | Last Week Weather Summary |    |     |      |               |      | Accumulation Since April 1, 2015 |       |      |              |     |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|------|---------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|-----|----------|
|                 |                 | Temperature               |    |     |      | Precipitation |      | Precipitation                    |       |      | GDD Base 50F |     | Base 40F |
| State           | Station         | Hi                        | Lo | Avg | DFN  | Total         | Days | Total                            | DFN   | Days | Total        | DFN | Total    |
| Maryland        | Baltimore_Washi | 76                        | 38 | 56  | -2   | 0.33          | 1    | 4.33                             | +1.00 | 15   | 213          | +57 | 513      |
|                 | Beltsville      | 74                        | 39 | 56  | -2   | 0.30          | 1    | 4.44                             | +0.70 | 15   | 201          | +43 | 498      |
|                 | Brighton_Dam    | 75                        | 38 | 56  | -1   | 0.12          | 2    | 4.01                             | +0.09 | 15   | 163          | +25 | 448      |
|                 | Cumberland      | 77                        | 40 | 56  | -3   | 0.17          | 2    | 3.79                             | +0.27 | 18   | 173          | +28 | 482      |
|                 | Emmitsburg      | 73                        | 39 | 55  | -3   | 0.21          | 2    | 3.29                             | -0.92 | 14   | 147          | +2  | 436      |
|                 | Frostburg       | 69                        | 34 | 50  | -2   | 1.30          | 3    | 5.49                             | +1.07 | 19   | 85           | +50 | 319      |
|                 | Hagerstown_AP   | 74                        | 42 | 57  | +1   | 0.38          | 2    | 3.31                             | -0.44 | 15   | 222          | +97 | 525      |
|                 | Mechanicsville  | 74                        | 37 | 55  | -6   | 0.05          | 1    | 4.71                             | +0.85 | 13   | 188          | -17 | 485      |
|                 | Millers_4NE     | 78                        | 37 | 57  | +2   | 0.05          | 1    | 2.44                             | -1.40 | 13   | 203          | +79 | 492      |
|                 | Ocean_City_AP   | 68                        | 35 | 53  | -7   | 0.31          | 2    | 4.63                             | +1.06 | 12   | 146          | -62 | 429      |
|                 | Oxon_Hill       | 76                        | 42 | 58  | -3   | 0.02          | 1    | 3.21                             | -0.26 | 15   | 233          | +14 | 548      |
|                 | Patuxent_River  | 70                        | 39 | 56  | -4   | 0.14          | 1    | 3.73                             | +0.18 | 13   | 226          | +20 | 534      |
|                 | Reisterstown    | 72                        | 41 | 55  | -4   | 0.05          | 1    | 3.56                             | -0.14 | 19   | 153          | -4  | 432      |
|                 | Salisbury_AP    | 74                        | 35 | 55  | -5   | 0.18          | 1    | 3.91                             | +0.15 | 12   | 217          | +43 | 508      |
|                 | Savage_River_Da | 70                        | 32 | 50  | -3   | 1.39          | 3    | 5.10                             | +1.33 | 17   | 79           | +26 | 328      |
|                 | Sharpsburg_5S   | 74                        | 36 | 54  | -2   | 0.53          | 1    | 3.93                             | +0.27 | 15   | 150          | +44 | 422      |
|                 | Sines_Deep_Cree | 71                        | 28 | 48  | -5   | 0.42          | 3    | 6.29                             | +1.77 | 20   | 83           | +33 | 305      |
|                 | Stevensville    | 74                        | 42 | 57  | -2   | 0.30          | 1    | 5.15                             | +1.42 | 15   | 204          | +39 | 510      |
|                 | Upper_Marlboro  | 75                        | 39 | 57  | -2   | 0.23          | 1    | 4.01                             | +0.35 | 16   | 200          | +41 | 503      |
| Washington_DC_A | 78              | 47                        | 61 | +2  | 0.65 | 1             | 3.52 | +0.42                            | 14    | 347  | +119         | 672 |          |
| Delaware        | Dover_AFB       | 74                        | 39 | 56  | -4   | 0.42          | 1    | 3.69                             | -0.17 | 12   | 203          | +16 | 505      |
|                 | Georgetown_AP   | 74                        | 37 | 55  | -3   | 0.24          | 1    | 3.33                             | -0.47 | 11   | 221          | +81 | 512      |
|                 | Wilmington_DE   | 75                        | 41 | 58  | +1   | 0.00          | 0    | 4.14                             | +0.38 | 12   | 199          | +68 | 486      |

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **Sussex County, DE – Harry T. Hudson III**

Corn planting behind schedule fields has been planted for 2 weeks - not come up yet. Ground needs to warm up some more - which will dry it out some moisture. Whatever peas were going in are in by now. Generally still too wet - but it can get dry quick in Sussex county.

### **Baltimore County, MD – David Martin**

Received several comments that soil conditions are dryer than normal for this time of year.

### **Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes**

Farmers are now putting on herbicide.

### **Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster**

Soil moisture is low in some areas. Other areas adequate moisture is available. Peaches have bloomed, and apples are at 50% bloom. Strawberries are running later than normal this year, but with no apparent damage from the severe winter. Corn planting is moving along strongly. Forages, pasture and hay, are emerging slowly, as temperatures continue to be cool. Soil temperatures are running between 50-55 degrees F at 8 a.m. this reporting period.

### **Saint Marys County, MD – Ben Beale**

Warm temperatures and dry conditions have farmers very busy to catch up on planting. Corn planting is moving ahead full swing. Vegetable transplants are also being put out. Mush of the first cutting of hay was made during the week. Tobacco planting has also started.