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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland and Delaware had an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work. Regions in both states experienced frosty conditions; Maryland received at most 0.16 inch of precipitation, while Delaware received up to 0.13 inch. The highest reported temperature in Maryland was 79°F with a low of 39°F, and 77°F with a low of 36°F in Delaware. In Maryland, alfalfa hay fourth cutting and hay other third cutting, and soybeans dropping leaves nearly finished. Winter wheat emerged is 13 percent higher than last year. In Delaware, corn harvested for grain and apple harvest are almost complete. Hay alfalfa fourth cutting is ahead 26 points compared to last year. Field work activities included harvesting apples, corn for grain, soybeans, barley, and cutting hay.

MD Crop Progress as of October 18, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	80	77	81	88
BARLEY: PLANTED	77	60	63	73
BARLEY: EMERGED	11	N/A	10	27
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	84	65	54	73
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	87	85	85	88
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	88	86	64	88
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	21	19	25	31
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	90	81	70	74
SOYBEANS: MATURE	81	59	51	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	32	8	22	26
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	59	48	45	54
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	26	<5	7	26

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 18, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	5	87	8
SUBSOIL	0	4	90	6

MD Crop Conditions as of October 18, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE & RANGE	4	13	29	34	20
SOYBEANS	1	7	21	55	16

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 18, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	3	65	31
SUBSOIL	2	7	76	15

DE Crop Conditions as of October 18, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE & RANGE	7	19	38	32	4
SOYBEANS	10	16	29	37	8

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of October 18, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	2	12	82	4
DE	0	3	68	29

DE Crop Progress as of October 18, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	96	93	88	92
BARLEY: PLANTED	72	45	40	62
BARLEY: EMERGED	25	N/A	17	22
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	92	87	72	88
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	93	93	67	81
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	86	78	46	54
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	82	77	77	85
SOYBEANS: MATURE	68	59	63	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	12	5	9	20
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	36	25	10	37
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	13	9	<5	19

October 18, 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	78	33	56	+1	0.00	0	32.20	+8.41	70	4003	+570	5978
	Beltsville	76	33	56	0	0.04	1	27.09	+1.37	72	3894	+373	5866
	Brighton_Dam	75	33	55	+1	0.04	1	28.81	+2.59	67	3488	+239	5446
	Cumberland	78	31	55	+1	0.03	1	25.58	+3.65	95	3528	+349	5500
	Emmitsburg	74	31	53	-3	0.02	1	30.34	+4.13	71	3373	+135	5334
	Frostburg	73	28	50	+1	0.10	3	29.31	+3.56	94	2610	+461	4483
	Hagerstown_AP	75	31	56	+3	0.04	1	18.29	-5.09	68	3952	+729	5928
	Mechanicsville	74	34	55	-3	0.00	0	33.59	+6.45	73	3646	+81	5620
	Millers_4NE	73	29	53	-3	0.03	2	28.63	+3.83	73	3502	+419	5457
	Ocean_City_AP	75	37	57	-2	0.00	0	24.43	-1.49	58	3825	+104	5788
	Oxon_Hill	78	38	58	0	0.16	1	27.70	+1.57	71	4117	+567	6110
	Patuxent_River	79	39	59	-1	0.00	0	25.39	+0.70	64	4164	+309	6152
	Reisterstown	77	31	55	-2	0.00	0	32.43	+7.43	82	3457	+78	5407
	Salisbury_AP	76	35	58	0	0.00	0	31.57	+5.30	66	3991	+373	5961
	Savage_River_Da	71	31	51	0	0.00	0	28.02	+4.03	76	2727	+376	4627
	Sharpsburg_5S	75	27	53	0	0.03	1	23.45	-0.64	65	3355	+391	5294
	Sines_Deep_Cree	67	29	47	-4	0.13	2	33.98	+5.73	104	2449	+250	4317
	Stevensville	76	42	60	+4	0.08	1	30.00	+4.28	63	4160	+569	6146
Upper_Marlboro	76	34	56	+2	0.05	1	28.78	+3.15	90	3903	+529	5882	
Washington_DC_A	78	38	60	+2	0.00	0	27.91	+5.38	68	4755	+766	6759	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	76	38	58	-2	0.13	1	27.36	+0.41	60	3987	+228	5967
	Georgetown_AP	77	36	57	+1	0.00	0	21.14	-4.55	62	4035	+659	6005
	Wilmington_DE	75	34	56	+2	0.00	0	27.55	+2.74	61	3963	+543	5926

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.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Last night we had a hard frost. It will be interesting to see what the full season soybeans look like today.

Howard County and Montgomery, MD – Charles Schuster

Freezing temperatures were recorded during this reporting period. Grain and soybean harvest is progressing well. Wheat has started to be planted. Most vegetables are complete for the year. Pasture conditions did not improve with the recent rains.

St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Good progress with corn harvest and soybean harvest. Winter wheat and barley planting is progressing well.

Kent County, DE – Lauren Huber

Early planted soybeans have begun to be harvested. The temperatures overnight have dropped drastically causing things to frost over. Planting of small grains is underway.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Corn harvest winding down – soybean harvest picking up. Reports of full season beans with low yields. Temperatures falling at the end of the week.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Soybean harvest will be in full swing this coming week. Scattered frost Sunday morning, more widespread frost predicted for Monday morning.