



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Summer Makes a Comeback

For the week ending, August 9, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.3** days in Delaware and **5.5** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported mostly adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. One crop reporter from Western Maryland commented “*Summer has finally come to Garrett County as temps this week have been in the 80’s.*” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good conditions.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in both States, with Delaware reaching 35 percent in surplus. Hay harvest continued to progress steadily in both States, with Maryland surpassing 15 percent and Delaware surpassing 10 percent in the third cutting. Both states are over 80 percent in completion of the second cutting. **Corn** dough is at 50 percent in Delaware and 52 percent in Maryland, with both States at 7 percent dent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 43 percent in Delaware and 55 percent in Maryland. Farmers were reported to be scouting for soybean cyst nematode, podworms, and spider mites in soybean fields. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. Harvest was well underway, with **Apples** over 10 percent and **Peaches** over 45 percent harvested in both States. Vegetable harvest is underway with **processed lima beans** over 20 percent and **snap beans** over 55 percent harvested in both States. Downy mildew was identified as being active on select lima bean fields in Sussex County. Harvest of **potatoes** is at 45 and 52 percent in Delaware and Maryland respectively. **Pasture** conditions are in fair conditions in Maryland and good conditions in Delaware.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 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	91	90	100	99	92	90	100	100
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	56	44	80	74	35	29	73	68
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	1	0	9	8	0	0	1	1
Apples, harvested	19	18	19	22	14	10	10	11
Cantaloups, harvested	50	42	65	64	33	28	53	51
Corn, silked	100	100	97	96	100	100	96	98
Corn, dough	57	35	68	64	52	42	42	65
Corn, dent	7	4	10	15	7	2	12	22
Cucumbers, harvested	60	55	67	67	67	60	59	58
Lima Beans, harvested	29	23	44	54	21	16	17	24
Other Hay, second cutting	80	75	82	87	97	97	99	99
Other Hay, third cutting	16	11	29	25	14	9	25	29
Peaches, harvested	48	43	42	51	62	58	50	64
Potatoes, harvested	52	47	61	60	45	37	60	44
Snap Beans, harvested	67	61	74	76	59	49	65	70
Soybeans, blooming	55	45	73	70	43	34	57	66
Soybeans setting pods	28	18	30	42	28	22	28	29
Sweet Corn, harvested	56	51	63	73	57	46	59	58
Tomatoes, harvested	51	45	48	50	30	20	35	42
Watermelons, harvested	26	20	47	49	37	20	56	56

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	5	9	85	1	2	6	18	70	4
Corn	5	9	25	45	16	6	17	29	38	10
Pasture	2	8	42	41	7	0	4	31	63	2
Peaches	0	13	25	56	6	7	13	34	45	1
Soybeans	7	11	28	44	10	2	4	26	56	12

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 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	2	2	6	6	0	2	3	4
Short	28	27	31	31	19	31	33	43
Adequate	67	66	62	62	78	63	62	51
Surplus	3	5	1	1	3	4	2	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from
		Depart From	Normal				
	this	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	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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