



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Heavy Weekend Rains Slow Progress

For the week ending, September 13, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.8** days in Delaware and **4.0** days in Maryland. Soil moisture was adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. One crop reporter from Delaware commented “*Heavy rains this past weekend brought up to 4 inches in some parts of the county.*” Another reporter from Maryland’s Eastern Shore said, “*Some minor flooding and wind, worse near the immediate coastline. Some areas receiving heavy rainfall.*” **Corn** conditions were rated fair to excellent in both Delaware and Maryland. **Soybeans** benefitted from the rain and were rated good to excellent in Delaware and good in Maryland.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in both States, with Maryland reaching 87 percent and Delaware, 60 percent. The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** reached 99 percent with the fourth cutting reaching around 40 percent in both Maryland and Delaware. **Other hay** reached 83 percent in Delaware and 66 percent in Maryland for the third cutting and some areas have already started a fourth cutting. **Corn dent** is at 88 percent in Delaware and 85 percent in Maryland, with both States over 30 percent mature. **Soybeans** setting pods reached 92 percent in both Delaware and Maryland and are beginning to turn color in some areas. The **peach harvest** is nearly complete with both States reporting over 90 percent. The **apple** harvest reached 51 percent in Maryland and 43 percent in Delaware. Delaware received heavy rains over the weekend which slowed the vegetable harvest. Maryland vegetable growers fared a little better and some areas report the season is already starting to wind down. **Potato harvest** is complete in Maryland and 87 percent complete in Delaware. **Pasture** conditions remain good in both States.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	99	96	99	95	99	99	97	98
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	44	35	50	52	40	19	27	41
Apples, harvested	51	45	59	56	43	37	20	33
Cantaloups, harvested	90	86	93	94	94	89	96	93
Corn, dough	97	95	100	76	99	99	100	99
Corn, dent	85	74	87	90	88	83	94	98
Corn, mature	36	21	65	62	47	15	73	78
Corn, harvested for grain	4	2	26	16	5	3	14	22
Corn, harvested for silage	58	45	62	55	42	23	39	57
Cucumbers, harvested	91	90	91	90	92	89	90	89
Lima Beans, harvested	72	68	61	69	67	62	57	67
Other Hay, third cutting	66	54	75	67	83	79	60	81
Other Hay, fourth cutting	11	8	12	9	20	2	1	9
Peaches, harvested	98	93	97	95	93	90	97	93
Potatoes, harvested	100	100	100	94	87	80	97	93
Snap Beans, harvested	90	81	90	92	86	83	89	95
Soybeans setting pods	92	87	94	90	92	86	91	92
Soybeans turning color	15	7	46	38	10	3	25	31
Sweet Corn, harvested	89	84	92	92	90	87	92	90
Tomatoes, harvested	89	81	90	90	84	75	88	91
Watermelons, harvested	89	77	94	92	95	92	95	93

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	5	8	85	2	2	6	15	73	4
Corn	3	8	22	46	21	4	13	30	37	16
Pasture	2	6	27	49	16	0	3	25	59	13
Soybeans	2	6	25	52	15	1	5	16	48	30

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 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	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Short	6	16	8	16	0	3	3	4
Adequate	80	79	81	79	78	86	83	88
Surplus	14	4	11	3	22	11	14	8

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Since Jan 1						
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.98	34.84	5.64	81	57	67	-4
Frederick	1.55	33.57	5.67	81	56	66	1
Frostburg	0.41	29.45	-4.96	79	49	61	-2
Hagerstown	0.61	21.63	-5.82	84	59	70	2
Mechanicsville	2.07	30.93	-1.44	82	57	68	-3
Patuxent River	1.89	29.07	-1.21	83	57	69	-2
Ocean City	6.07	36.61	3.66	84	64	73	3
Salisbury	2.61	29.27	-3.88	82	58	68	-3
Sharpsburg	0.30	23.61	-4.29	83	54	65	-1
Stevensville	0.96	31.40	1.21	80	61	68	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.35	28.01	0.44	84	59	70	-4
Delaware							
Dover	3.96	34.28	2.48	80	60	68	-4
Georgetown	3.50	35.03	2.88	84	65	71	2
Wilmington	3.00	32.99	3.70	79	58	67	-3

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

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