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Excellent Week for Field Work: Both Maryland had 6.5 and Delaware had an average 5.0 days suitable for field work. Maximum precipitation 2.06 for Delaware and 2.04 for Maryland. The calculated average temperature for Maryland was 73(°F) and 76(°F) for Delaware last week with a high of 94(°F) and a low of 51(°F). Our region finally saw some rains over the reporting period which was pretty welcomed but still needs some more. In Maryland watermelons nearly harvested, and soybeans began dropping leaves. In Delaware corn for grain harvesting is going at a higher rate compare to Maryland. Field work activities continues to include harvesting apples, watermelons, cucumbers, snap beans, pumpkins and cutting hay.

MD Crop Progress as of September 13, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	38	28	49	48
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	60	54	61	72
CORN: DENTED	84	79	80	91
CORN: MATURE	57	35	48	65
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	10	<5	<5	16
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	56	36	18	68
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	94	88	93	94
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	65	63	74	56
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	57	49	41	58
POTATOES: HARVESTED	94	92	90	98
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	77	75	83	93
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	85	81	83	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	41	24	30	28
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	9	N/A	7	9
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	90	82	88	89
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	95	93	96	93

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 13, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	11	32	52	5
SUBSOIL	10	36	52	2

MD Crop Conditions as of September 13, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	2	87	10
CORN	1	3	17	56	23
PASTURE & RANGE	2	22	30	26	20
SOYBEANS	1	7	19	60	13

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	9	16	73	2
SUBSOIL	17	46	34	3

DE Crop Conditions as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	3	8	18	56	15
PASTURE & RANGE	7	22	46	22	3
SOYBEANS	9	22	25	34	10

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	2	12	82	4
DE	0	4	70	26

DE Crop Progress as of September 13, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	68	56	63	67
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	85	69	52	72
CORN: MATURE	95	93	52	73
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	22	17	7	21
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	72	51	21	65
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	94	93	64	91
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	52	49	26	39
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	91	89	64	78
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	41	35	7	10
POTATOES: HARVESTED	93	91	60	91
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	82	53	56	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	35	11	11	14
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	12	N/A	<5	<5

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September 13, 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	94	58	76	+7	1.27	2	26.73	+7.06	62	3527	+500	5157
	Beltsville	92	59	74	+5	1.57	4	23.12	+2.01	69	3416	+330	5043
	Brighton_Dam	89	56	72	+5	0.80	2	24.40	+2.58	59	3086	+223	4701
	Cumberland	93	56	73	+6	1.03	4	21.15	+2.52	83	3133	+314	4768
	Emmitsburg	92	55	72	+4	2.04	2	24.44	+2.66	63	3010	+154	4629
	Frostburg	90	51	68	+7	1.09	4	23.60	+1.66	82	2360	+427	3914
	Hagerstown_AP	92	57	74	+7	0.79	3	15.80	-3.53	59	3500	+648	5133
	Mechanicsville	91	59	73	+3	1.92	3	24.53	+2.25	65	3219	+94	4847
	Millers_4NE	92	55	72	+5	5.48	2	23.28	+2.84	62	3121	+408	4740
	Ocean_City_AP	87	60	75	+4	3.04	3	18.65	-3.34	51	3273	+47	4886
	Oxon_Hill	94	63	76	+7	0.46	3	23.38	+1.66	62	3621	+527	5266
	Patuxent_River	92	61	76	+4	0.61	2	21.39	+0.72	57	3607	+279	5245
	Reisterstown	90	56	72	+4	1.71	2	25.59	+5.10	72	3071	+96	4680
	Salisbury_AP	93	62	76	+6	1.29	2	27.07	+4.99	58	3463	+317	5084
	Savage_River_Da	88	54	69	+6	0.56	3	23.44	+3.06	69	2453	+349	4027
	Sharpsburg_5S	92	57	72	+6	1.29	4	20.65	+0.69	59	3010	+371	4610
	Sines_Deep_Cree	89	53	68	+6	0.56	4	29.95	+5.47	89	2233	+268	3781
	Stevensville	92	63	76	+7	1.73	3	25.35	+4.14	56	3642	+493	5278
Upper_Marlboro	92	60	75	+6	1.48	4	23.70	+2.54	79	3445	+474	5078	
Washington_DC_A	94	63	78	+6	0.27	3	23.70	+5.24	60	4180	+708	5835	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	91	63	76	+5	2.06	2	22.11	-0.39	53	3481	+229	5113
	Georgetown_AP	92	62	76	+7	1.44	3	16.18	-5.49	56	3522	+583	5143
	Wilmington_DE	93	61	76	+7	0.95	3	23.64	+2.98	55	3473	+470	5090

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.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Mostly very dry conditions during past week with significant rain (4 inches and more) on Saturday. Corn harvest has begun in our area with many producers ready to move into harvest in the coming week.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

It has been dry but we received some relief Saturday with about 1 inch of rain. The farmers are still harvesting corn as silage.

Howard County and Montgomery, MD – Charles Schuster

Hot and dry conditions controlled the region for much of the reporting period. Moisture fell with varying amounts noted, from .1 to 1.5 in the region being reported. Soybeans are showing color and some leaf drop. Corn harvest has started across the region. Apple harvest has also begun. Pastures are showing stress at this stage with the lack of moisture, even where well managed.

St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Hot and dry weather hastened corn and soybean dry down. Corn harvest has proceeded well with good harvesting weather. Yields have been good to very good. Soybean harvest has now started as well on full season fields. Many full season beans will be hurt by lack of rain in the pod fill stage. Vegetable harvest continues with pumpkins and fall crops starting to come off.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Some welcome rain but we could certainly use more. The cover crops and the late beans will benefit.

New Castle County, DE – Helen Sureda

Very dry conditions affecting some late crop soybeans last reporting period, but finally some much needed rain came towards the end of the week.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Finally received some rains - may help some soybean yield - remains to be seen - too late for a lot of late beans.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Our region received two good days of rain events last week.