



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Recent Rains Help Deficit Rainfall Totals

For the week ending, April 05, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.0** days in Maryland and **5.0** days in Delaware. Recent rain during the week has replenished the soil moisture to adequate. One crop reporter on the Lower Eastern Shore reported *“Farmers working ground for corn planting. Small grains have perked up from rain, fertilizer, and warm temps. Rainfall is okay so far, but the water table recharge is short for the winter.”*

Hay supplies are adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Vegetables** are below 5 percent planted in both States. Potatoes are at 27 and 20 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. **Fruit** crops have begun blooming with peaches clearing the 5 percent mark in both States. **Small grains** are in good condition. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Corn, planted	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1
Green Peas, planted	36	0	17	31	69	0	50	36
Peaches, bloomed	7	0	0	10	15	0	0	14
Potatoes, planted	27	0	18	27	20	0	47	31
Snap Beans, planted	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Strawberries, bloomed	24	0	0	13	10	0	0	5
Sweet Corn, planted	3	0	11	6	1	0	1	1
Tomatoes, planted	5	0	8	7	0	0	0	0

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	2	24	60	14	1	4	18	72	5
Pasture	0	2	41	47	10	3	8	26	62	1
Winter Wheat	0	4	21	66	9	1	4	19	70	6

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 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	0	2	4	8	9	15	15
Short	23	33	45	45	27	39	46	46
Adequate	75	64	53	45	63	51	37	37
Surplus	2	3	0	6	2	1	2	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 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	1.60	6.65	-3.40	76	32	53	5
Frederick	1.14	6.34	-2.56	68	31	50	6
Frostburg	1.27	7.54	-3.37	61	28	42	-1
Hagerstown	0.74	3.79	-4.91	68	32	53	6
Mechanicsville	1.08	7.01	-4.40	78	33	54	5
Patuxent River	0.49	5.25	-4.79	78	41	57	6
Ocean City	0.21	5.90	-6.41	79	38	57	8
Salisbury	0.19	3.10	-8.74	75	33	55	6
Sharpsburg	1.06	5.48	-3.42	69	27	50	6
Stevensville	1.07	5.84	-4.63	75	36	52	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.96	5.95	-3.10	76	38	56	5
Delaware							
Dover	0.24	4.56	-6.15	76	33	53	4
Georgetown	0.44	4.85	-6.56	77	36	55	8
Wilmington	0.94	5.70	-4.22	74	32	53	6

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

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