



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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05/18/2009

### Dry Days Assist Field Activity

For the week ending, May 17, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.6** days in Maryland and **4.8** days in Delaware. Soil moistures reported adequate in both States. One crop reporter in Delaware reported, *“A few dry days this week, with farmers planting corn as best as they can. Still sloppy field conditions with low spots flooded out.”*

**Hay supplies** were adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. A few farmers have had to plant some corn acreage over from excess rain from past weeks. **Corn** planting progressed with 61 percent of the crop in the ground for Maryland and 50 percent for Delaware. Corn reached slightly over 25 percent emerged in both states. **Potato** planting is virtually completed with 99 percent planted in both states. **Apples** were reported at 91 and 87 percent bloomed and **peaches** were reported at 100 and 99 percent bloomed respectively in Maryland and Delaware. Early **strawberry** harvest continued for a few operations. **Small grains** remain in good conditions. **Barley** reached 89 percent headed in Maryland and 84 percent in Delaware. **Winter wheat** is headed and looks good. Winter wheat reached 70 percent headed in Maryland and 58 percent headed in Delaware. In both states, **pastures** remain in good conditions.

### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, first cutting	32	6	25	33	40	2	34	37
Apples, bloomed	91	57	100	99	87	80	98	99
Barley, emerged	100	100	96	95	100	100	98	98
Barley, headed	89	71	4	3	84	45	4	9
Cantaloups, planted	42	11	40	43	13	5	18	35
Corn, planted	61	36	69	78	50	29	82	86
Corn, emerged	31	17	40	50	27	14	62	59
Cucumbers, planted	48	15	31	28	12	5	17	24
Green Peas, planted	97	95	93	79	100	93	100	86
Lima Beans, planted	69	24	19	26	9	5	2	9
Other Hay, first cutting	22	3	21	30	45	19	45	34
Peaches, bloomed	100	99	100	96	99	99	100	99
Potatoes, planted	99	98	99	99	99	95	99	98
Snap Beans, planted	26	18	30	30	21	13	28	39
Soybeans, planted	7	4	13	18	8	3	16	17
Strawberries, bloomed	84	77	93	94	100	96	86	94
Strawberries, harvested	21	3	13	12	29	9	17	12
Sweet Corn, planted	31	26	53	62	30	22	44	43
Tomatoes, planted	59	42	57	47	28	9	27	36
Watermelons, planted	29	17	67	50	18	10	26	42
Winter Wheat, headed	70	65	85	72	58	10	78	72

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	2	11	61	26	1	5	20	60	14
Pasture	0	1	13	60	26	2	4	17	73	4
Winter Wheat	0	2	15	54	29	1	4	22	61	12

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

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Adequate	82	66	95	82	74	83	88	88
Surplus	18	34	5	18	26	17	8	8

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2009**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		Total	From				
Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal	
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.58	15.34	0.71	80	39	63	1
Frederick	1.13	14.25	0.42	79	40	62	3
Frostburg	0.32	15.34	-1.82	80	38	56	0
Hagerstown	0.37	9.77	-3.91	82	43	65	4
Mechanicsville	0.54	14.40	-1.99	80	41	61	-3
Patuxent River	0.26	11.24	-3.44	83	45	66	3
Ocean City	0.17	15.72	-1.07	80	48	67	4
Salisbury	0.09	9.32	-7.10	82	38	63	1
Sharpsburg	1.46	13.03	-0.80	81	38	61	2
Stevensville	0.23	14.44	-0.91	80	40	61	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.05	14.50	1.21	82	48	65	-1
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.19	11.78	-4.00	82	45	64	1
Georgetown	0.11	13.01	-3.21	82	45	65	4
Wilmington	0.24	12.06	-2.82	79	43	64	2

<sup>1/</sup>Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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