



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Farmers Increase Planting Activity

For the week ending, May 24, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.8** days in Maryland and **6.8** days in Delaware. Soil moistures reported adequate in both States. One crop reporter in Delaware reported, *“With little to no rain it was easier for farmers to work in their fields.”*

Hay supplies were adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. Much needed sunshine and dry conditions allowed farmers to increase planting progress for all vegetable and row crops. **Corn** planting progressed with 81 percent of the crop in the ground for Maryland and 83 percent for Delaware. Corn reached nearly 60 percent emerged in both states. **Soybeans** planting progressed with 21 percent of the crop in the ground for both Maryland and Delaware. Soybeans reached nearly 6 percent emerged in Maryland and 8 percent emerged in Delaware. **Potato** planting is complete in both states. **Apples** were reported at 100 and 90 percent bloomed and **peaches** were reported at 100 percent bloomed in both Maryland and Delaware. Early **strawberry** harvest continued for a few operations. **Small grains** remain in good condition. **Barley** reached 99 percent headed in Maryland and 99 percent in Delaware. **Winter wheat** is headed and looks good. Winter wheat reached 86 percent headed in Maryland and 97 percent headed in Delaware. In both states, **pastures** remain in good condition.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 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	42	32	45	54	57	40	52	61
Apples, bloomed	100	91	100	99	90	87	100	99
Barley, headed	99	89	26	19	99	84	38	23
Barley, turned	4	0	0	0	39	0	0	0
Cantaloups, planted	47	42	55	55	46	13	34	57
Corn, planted	81	61	87	90	83	50	89	93
Corn, emerged	60	31	63	72	58	27	72	78
Cucumbers, planted	35	30	36	34	28	12	21	31
Green Peas, planted	99	97	97	80	100	100	100	86
Green Peas, harvested	0	0	7	13	1	0	0	4
Lima Beans, planted	38	35	30	33	25	9	7	17
Other Hay, first cutting	39	22	37	47	67	45	58	51
Peaches, bloomed	100	100	100	96	100	99	100	99
Potatoes, planted	100	99	99	99	100	99	100	98
Snap Beans, planted	46	26	39	41	36	21	34	48
Soybeans, planted	21	7	21	31	22	8	30	33
Soybeans, emerged	6	.50	6	1	8	4	12	2
Strawberries, bloomed	88	84	97	97	100	100	98	99
Strawberries, harvested	25	21	24	27	54	29	28	26
Sweet Corn, planted	49	31	61	70	42	30	52	53
Tomatoes, planted	64	59	66	57	55	28	38	57
Watermelons, planted	45	29	74	61	67	18	46	64
Winter Wheat, headed	86	70	93	91	97	58	92	91
Winter Wheat, turned	1	0	4	2	2	0	7	5

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	3	17	56	24	1	5	22	58	14
Pasture	0	2	12	63	23	1	3	18	74	4
Winter Wheat	0	1	16	55	28	1	4	22	61	12

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	8	0	2	0	10	0	8	4
Adequate	79	82	92	95	73	74	84	88
Surplus	11	18	6	5	17	26	8	8

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					Depart
	Total		Depart				from
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.01	15.35	-0.12	86	38	62	-4
Frederick	0.10	14.35	-0.43	85	37	61	-1
Frostburg	0.23	15.57	-2.64	82	32	58	0
Hagerstown	0.00	9.77	-4.82	89	41	66	3
Mechanicsville	0.01	14.41	-2.95	83	37	60	-6
Patuxent River	0.18	11.42	-4.17	83	43	63	-3
Ocean City	0.44	16.16	-1.45	81	43	64	-3
Salisbury	0.28	9.60	-7.66	83	32	60	-6
Sharpsburg	0.01	13.04	-1.74	87	35	60	-3
Stevensville	0.27	14.71	-1.55	83	34	61	-6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	14.50	0.37	85	45	65	-4
Delaware							
Dover	0.47	12.25	-4.44	86	41	63	-3
Georgetown	0.28	13.29	-3.77	86	41	64	-1
Wilmington	0.01	12.07	-3.69	85	37	62	-3

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

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