



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Dry Conditions Continue as Small Grain Harvest Nears Completion

For the week ending, July 19, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **7.0** days in Delaware and **7.0** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported short to adequate in Delaware and Maryland. One crop reporter from the Lower Eastern Shore commented “*Dry weather turning into drought, some spotty rains, but generally grain crops are suffering now from lack of rain.*” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in Delaware and Maryland from the previous week. Hay harvest progressed steadily with both States surpassing 60 percent in the second cutting and progressing into the third cutting. **Corn** silked is at 60 percent in Delaware and 57 percent in Maryland. **Soybeans** emerged reached 95 percent in both Delaware and Maryland. Farmers are watching soybean fields for spider mites in all stages and stinkbugs in early beans setting pods. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. **Winter wheat** harvested reached 98 percent in both Delaware and Maryland. Harvest of **potatoes** is at 20 and 25 percent in Delaware and Maryland respectively. **Pasture** conditions are in fair to good condition in both Delaware and Maryland.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, second cutting	82	75	94	90	83	68	97	94
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	25	7	35	25	9	1	33	19
Apples, harvested	10	5	9	4	5	4	1	1
Cantaloups, harvested	21	12	19	23	14	10	19	16
Corn, silked	57	42	66	72	60	28	74	78
Corn, dough	8	3	10	10	8	0	16	22
Cucumbers, harvested	49	23	27	33	35	11	30	27
Lima Beans, harvested	11	5	15	27	6	4	6	6
Other Hay, second cutting	63	53	43	58	78	57	92	79
Peaches, harvested	18	10	11	17	37	24	23	25
Potatoes, harvested	25	18	42	32	20	10	15	10
Snap Beans, planted	96	95	100	82	97	91	99	97
Snap Beans, harvested	45	12	36	44	24	13	32	35
Soybeans, emerged	95	86	98	99	95	92	97	95
Soybeans, blooming	13	6	22	28	9	3	32	24
Sweet Corn, planted	98	96	99	100	99	94	100	99
Sweet Corn, harvested	29	17	24	27	19	13	24	24
Tomatoes, harvested	18	14	28	20	11	6	14	11
Watermelons, harvested	8	6	10	9	8	6	17	17
Winter Wheat, harvested	98	93	94	92	98	90	97	94

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	7	92	1	2	6	18	70	4
Corn	7	12	25	41	15	8	17	31	34	10
Pasture	6	12	40	37	5	2	7	35	54	2
Peaches	0	6	17	70	7	7	14	33	45	1
Soybeans	6	10	31	42	11	4	11	31	44	10

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 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	23	10	10	5	31	3	26	3
Short	37	37	32	23	32	26	28	25
Adequate	40	52	57	70	37	57	46	54
Surplus	0	1	1	2	0	14	0	18

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		From	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.00	25.18	3.74	88	56	72	-5
Frederick	0.30	23.40	2.05	84	56	70	-4
Frostburg	0.00	24.20	-1.41	80	49	63	-5
Hagerstown	0.04	16.24	-4.41	87	58	73	-2
Mechanicsville	0.00	20.39	-3.67	87	56	70	-7
Patuxent River	0.41	18.14	-3.56	89	60	74	-2
Ocean City	0.00	22.26	-1.03	86	59	75	-2
Salisbury	0.03	19.27	-4.0	86	52	71	-7
Sharpsburg	0.08	18.19	-3.16	84	51	69	-5
Stevensville	0.00	21.11	-1.42	86	56	70	-7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	23.26	3.48	88	63	74	-6
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	21.61	-1.40	86	58	71	-7
Georgetown	0.00	20.83	-1.75	89	58	74	-2
Wilmington	0.00	20.65	-1.14	86	57	71	-6

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

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