



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Storms Bring Welcomed Rain

For the week ending, August 23, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.0** days in Delaware and **5.7** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported mostly adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. One crop reporter from Southern Maryland commented "*Some early corn will soon be harvested, rains improved soybean conditions.*" **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good conditions.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in both States, with Delaware reaching 38 percent in surplus. Hay harvest continued to progress steadily in both States, with Maryland surpassing 30 percent and Delaware surpassing 40 percent in the third cutting. Both States are wrapping up second cutting, with Maryland at completion for alfalfa and 98 percent other hay. Delaware has completed second cutting of other hay and nears completion for alfalfa at 98 percent. **Corn** dough is at 74 percent in Delaware and 80 percent in Maryland, with both States over 30 percent dent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 68 percent in Delaware and 89 percent in Maryland. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. Harvest was well underway, with **Apples** over 20 percent and **Peaches** over 69 percent harvested in both States. Vegetable harvest is underway with **processed lima beans** over 35 percent and **snap beans** over 70 percent harvested in both States. Harvest of **potatoes** is at 63 and 91 percent in Delaware and Maryland respectively. **Pasture** conditions are in good conditions in both States.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 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	100	98	100	100	98	92	100	100
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	72	64	95	87	54	42	87	88
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	11	6	17	24	0	0	10	15
Apples, harvested	21	19	35	36	23	20	15	19
Cantaloups, harvested	71	63	81	78	69	53	77	72
Corn, dough	80	80	90	85	74	65	73	86
Corn, dent	40	20	50	50	32	20	49	61
Cucumbers, harvested	74	67	79	78	80	75	72	72
Other Hay, second cutting	98	93	100	100	100	99	100	100
Other Hay, third cutting	33	28	56	47	43	25	47	51
Other Hay, fourth cutting	5	3	3	4	0	0	1	3
Lima Beans, harvested	49	39	53	61	35	30	28	34
Peaches, harvested	69	60	65	76	75	72	75	81
Potatoes, harvested	91	78	89	77	63	50	75	63
Snap Beans, harvested	77	68	85	86	74	67	79	84
Soybeans, blooming	89	80	83	86	68	52	90	92
Soybeans setting pods	62	50	64	71	44	30	63	68
Sweet Corn, harvested	75	69	78	85	74	69	76	77
Tomatoes, harvested	71	65	66	68	52	42	59	66
Watermelons, harvested	52	43	72	72	80	62	79	75

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	5	9	85	1	2	6	18	70	4
Corn	3	8	24	48	17	6	16	29	38	11
Pasture	3	9	32	44	12	1	3	30	63	3
Peaches	0	13	29	52	6	7	13	34	45	1
Soybeans	2	9	26	51	12	2	5	22	57	14

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 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	4	2	6	0	2	0	3
Short	17	28	19	24	10	18	16	22
Adequate	77	65	75	68	87	79	81	75
Surplus	6	3	4	2	3	1	3	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		Total	From				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.87	31.32	4.67	93	66	80	6
Frederick	1.71	30.61	5.01	91	66	78	9
Frostburg	0.56	28.91	-3.06	87	60	73	7
Hagerstown	0.32	20.28	-4.99	94	69	82	9
Mechanicsville	1.42	28.12	-1.52	90	64	78	4
Patuxent River	2.58	26.20	-1.24	92	69	81	7
Ocean City	0.45	29.56	-0.49	94	71	85	11
Salisbury	1.02	24.96	-5.13	92	65	81	6
Sharpsburg	0.53	22.81	-2.79	92	62	77	7
Stevensville	4.16	29.52	1.85	91	65	80	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.52	26.51	1.41	95	69	82	5
Delaware							
Dover	3.64	28.81	0.10	94	71	81	7
Georgetown	1.98	27.38	-1.76	95	69	84	11
Wilmington	3.27	29.33	2.43	92	68	81	7

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

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