



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW2609

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Cooler Temperatures Continued with Week Ending Showers

For the week ending, September 27, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.5** days in Delaware and **5.7** days in Maryland. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. Cooler temperatures continued during the first week of fall and week ending rain arrived to the region. In some areas, more rain needed, however, other areas need drier conditions to harvest crops. **Corn** conditions were rated fair to good in Delaware and fair to excellent in Maryland. **Soybeans** were rated in good to excellent condition in Delaware and fair to mostly good in Maryland.

Hay supplies remained adequate to surplus in Delaware and Maryland had mostly adequate supplies. Growers in both states were working on fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** with 83 and 67 percent cut in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Other hay** reached 98 percent in Delaware and 78 percent in Maryland for third cutting and fourth cutting at 29 and 21 **percent** in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvested remained behind at 22 percent in Delaware and 15 percent in Maryland. Over 70 percent of the crop reached maturity in both States. **Soybeans** in Delaware and Maryland were over the halfway point of turning color and dropping leaves underway. **Apple** crop quality rated as good and harvest plugging away in both States. **Vegetable** harvest starting to taper off as the season winds down. **Pasture** conditions were fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	67	63	65	74	83	66	58	61
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	7	2	6	4	0	0	0	3
Apples, harvested	74	56	72	71	65	53	31	49
Barley, planted	24	23	17	21	7	3	14	9
Cantaloups, harvested	97	94	97	96	99	96	100	95
Corn, dent	96	91	97	96	97	95	100	100
Corn, mature	71	53	87	88	74	60	93	96
Corn, harvested for grain	15	8	53	40	22	12	41	48
Corn, harvested for silage	85	80	90	81	78	55	74	73
Cucumbers, harvested	95	93	99	97	99	97	97	95
Lima Beans, harvested	83	75	75	74	81	74	73	73
Other Hay, third cutting	78	75	81	72	98	95	68	86
Other Hay, fourth cutting	21	16	19	21	29	24	3	16
Peaches, harvested	100	98	98	96	100	97	100	98
Snap Beans, harvested	98	97	95	94	96	92	96	98
Soybeans turning color	50	33	73	68	55	35	67	72
Soybeans dropping leaves	17	9	55	42	24	8	39	48
Sweet Corn, harvested	95	92	96	94	96	93	99	93
Tomatoes, harvested	93	89	98	94	96	88	97	94
Watermelons, harvested	98	94	99	97	99	97	100	96
Winter Wheat, planted	13	5	8	10	0	0	0	1

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	10	88	2	2	6	14	75	3
Corn	2	7	21	46	24	4	13	28	41	14
Pasture	2	7	24	49	18	0	3	25	54	18
Soybeans	1	6	21	56	16	2	5	14	54	25

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 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	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Short	6	9	7	8	0	4	2	5
Adequate	88	84	87	87	90	88	93	92
Surplus	5	5	4	3	10	8	5	3

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 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	0.60	36.27	5.52	84	49	68	3
Frederick	0.61	35.24	5.75	85	49	67	7
Frostburg	0.97	31.35	-4.55	80	46	62	5
Hagerstown	0.52	22.89	-5.96	89	58	72	9
Mechanicsville	0.96	32.47	-1.60	85	47	66	2
Patuxent River	1.35	31.26	-0.70	86	53	70	5
Ocean City	0.23	37.55	3.22	89	59	76	10
Salisbury	0.46	30.77	-3.98	87	51	70	5
Sharpsburg	0.11	24.60	-4.89	88	44	67	7
Stevensville	0.83	33.04	1.25	83	50	67	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.93	29.87	0.80	87	60	72	4
Delaware							
Dover	1.04	36.28	2.48	85	51	69	3
Georgetown	1.27	37.00	3.42	88	54	73	8
Wilmington	0.36	34.48	3.59	83	50	68	4

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

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