



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW3209

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### Dry Weather Conditions Progressed Harvest Activities

For the week ending, November 8, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.7** days in **Delaware** and **5.0** days in **Maryland**. Dry weather this past week has been excellent for harvesting. **Corn** harvest continued to make good progress as farmers returned to their fields. Dry field conditions also allowed wheat planting to proceed, however, there were still some fields wet from last week's rain. Soil moisture levels were adequate to surplus in both Delaware and Maryland. Corn and soybeans remained in mostly good to excellent conditions in Delaware and Maryland.

**Hay supplies** remained adequate to surplus in Delaware and Maryland. **Alfalfa hay** harvest in the fourth cutting was reported complete in both states. So far, the fifth cutting of alfalfa hay remained above the five year average. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay reached 68 percent and 66 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Other hay** fourth cutting reached 71 and 53 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvest reached 89 percent in Delaware and 80 percent in Maryland. **Soybean** harvest in both states continued, with 45 and 59 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting remained ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 97 percent planted and reaching 95 percent planted in Delaware. **Winter wheat** planting was also ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 81 percent planted and 62 percent emerged. Winter wheat planting in Delaware reached 68 percent planted and 50 percent emerged. The **apple** harvest was complete in Delaware and Maryland.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	66	53	56	50	68	63	48	40
Barley, planted	97	92	98	96	95	89	98	96
Corn, harvested for grain	80	76	96	93	89	80	99	98
Other Hay, fourth cutting	53	51	70	71	71	64	38	57
Soybeans dropping leaves	96	92	99	99	99	93	90	98
Soybeans harvested	59	46	54	62	45	32	56	58
Winter Wheat, planted	81	69	83	80	68	56	73	76
Winter Wheat emerged	62	47	58	35	50	34	57	66

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	5	6	17	57	15	0	2	11	81	6
Soybeans	1	3	19	57	20	2	3	14	44	37
Winter Wheat	4	7	16	45	28	1	3	13	79	4

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

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 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	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Adequate	74	58	82	71	61	60	79	78
Surplus	24	41	16	28	39	40	21	22

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from
		Normal	Depart From				
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.14	42.99	8.12	63	28	46	-5
Frederick	0.16	41.28	7.36	62	28	44	-2
Frostburg	0.15	36.56	-3.75	64	26	40	-5
Hagerstown	0.01	27.24	-6.15	62	30	47	-1
Mechanicsville	0.23	40.72	1.95	64	28	46	-5
Patuxent River	0.22	39.07	2.62	66	32	50	-2
Ocean City	0.11	44.00	5.25	64	28	50	-4
Salisbury	0.02	34.61	-4.73	63	27	48	-4
Sharpsburg	0.00	29.71	-4.21	62	26	43	-3
Stevensville	0.08	39.92	3.77	69	32	49	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.16	36.24	3.05	67	35	50	-4
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	3.64	43.85	6.30	64	30	48	-5
Georgetown	5.42	46.19	8.93	65	30	49	-2
Wilmington	2.11	40.85	6.66	63	27	46	-4

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

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