



Weather & Crops

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Wet Field Conditions Still Delaying Corn and Soybean Harvest

For the week ending, November 29, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.3** days in **Delaware** and **3.4** days in **Maryland**. Farmers continued to have challenges with harvesting due to wet weather. The rain showers kept the soil saturated and delayed the completion of harvest. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland.

Hay supplies remained adequate in Delaware and Maryland. **Alfalfa hay** harvest in the fifth cutting reached 76 percent in Delaware and 79 percent in Maryland. **Corn** harvest reached 97 percent in Delaware and 89 percent in Maryland. **Soybean** harvest in both states continued, with 70 and 71 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting was virtually finished with 99 percent and 97 percent planted in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Winter wheat** planting remained unchanged from the previous week with 95 percent in Maryland and 82 percent in Delaware.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING November 29, 2009

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Nov 29 2009	Nov 22 2009	Nov 30 2008	5-Year Average	Nov 29 2009	Nov 22 2009	Nov 30 2008	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	79	75	100	100	76	75	100	100
Barley, planted	97	97	100	100	99	99	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	89	87	100	100	97	96	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	98	100	100	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	71	65	100	87	70	63	100	90
Winter Wheat, planted	95	95	100	94	82	82	100	96
Winter Wheat, emerged	86	79	100	81	72	67	100	87

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING November 29, 2009

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>									
Winter Wheat	5	9	23	43	20	2	8	24	54	12

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING November 29, 2009

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Nov 29	Nov 22						
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0
Adequate	51	51	63	61	52	53	54	54
Surplus	47	46	35	36	48	47	46	46

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 29, 2009

Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	Departure From Normal
		Total	Departure From Normal				
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.58	47.30	10.07	55	30	47	4
Frederick	0.92	44.10	7.74	55	31	45	7
Frostburg	0.39	37.81	-5.09	50	29	39	3
Hagerstown	1.16	29.21	-6.49	58	36	47	8
Mechanicsville	1.16	46.36	5.10	55	30	46	3
Patuxent River	0.79	45.76	6.88	57	34	49	5
Ocean City	0.42	48.54	7.56	58	31	51	6
Salisbury	0.57	39.31	-2.23	58	30	50	5
Sharpsburg	1.10	32.26	-4.10	58	28	44	6
Stevensville	1.00	43.39	4.84	55	35	48	4
Washington DC Reagan National	1.22	39.93	4.53	58	35	48	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.39	47.20	6.71	56	34	49	4
Georgetown	0.59	50.04	9.82	57	32	50	7
Wilmington	0.49	42.91	5.67	56	31	47	6

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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