



Weather & Crops

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Small Grain Plantings Near Completion

For the week ending, October 31, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.4** days in Maryland and **5.9** days in Delaware. Soil moisture ratings in Maryland and Delaware were mostly adequate. One crop reporter in Maryland reported: *"The cover crops are coming in nicely."* Another reporter from Delaware reported: *"Excellent wheat germination. Just enough surface moisture in the slightly dry fields to have even stands across the field."*

Hay supplies were primarily adequate in Maryland and Delaware. Pasture conditions for both Maryland and Delaware rated fair to good. The fourth cutting of other hay was 58 percent complete in Maryland and 82 percent in Delaware while the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 88 percent complete in Maryland and 92 percent complete in Delaware. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was 47 percent complete in Maryland and 35 percent complete in Delaware. Maryland reported 94 percent corn harvested for grain and 100 percent corn harvested for silage. Corn harvested for grain and corn harvested for silage was reported complete in Delaware. In Maryland, soybean reports indicate 100 percent turning color, 98 percent dropping leaves and 76 percent harvested. Delaware soybean reports indicate 100 percent for both turning color and dropping leaves with 85 percent harvested. Soybean condition was primarily fair to good in both states. Barley was 95 percent planted in Maryland and 99 percent in Delaware. Winter wheat was 88 percent planted and 65 percent emerged in Maryland and 88 percent planted and 60 percent emerged in Delaware. Winter wheat condition was primarily good in both states.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING October 31, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Oct 31 2010	Oct 24 2010	Nov 1 2009	5-Year Average	Oct 31 2010	Oct 24 2010	Nov 1 2009	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, 4th cutting	88	85	96	94	92	90	100	86
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	47	18	53	41	35	12	61	35
Other Hay, 4th cutting	58	55	50	59	82	65	63	45
Barley, planted	95	86	92	89	99	89	89	88
Corn, harvested for silage	100	100	100	90	100	100	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	94	91	75	86	100	100	79	91
Soybeans, turned	100	99	98	89	100	100	98	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	98	93	91	94	100	100	91	94
Soybeans, harvested	76	62	44	46	85	56	31	38
Winter Wheat, planted	88	73	69	64	88	65	54	54
Winter Wheat, emerged	65	45	45	21	60	38	32	25
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	100	99	100	93	100	100	100	92
Apples, harvested	98	93	97	97	99	97	97	92

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING October 31, 2010

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>									
Pasture	4	16	25	47	8	6	20	23	50	1
Soybeans	2	24	31	35	8	13	8	30	48	1
Winter Wheat			1	87	12			4	75	21

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING October 31, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Oct 31	Oct 24						
	<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	5	5	0	0	1	2
Short	6	6	11	8	8	8	23	23
Adequate	88	90	79	86	89	89	76	75
Surplus	6	4	5	1	3	3	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 31, 2010

Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	Departur e From Normal
		Total	Departure From Normal				
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.87	40.13	6.10	77	35	61	10
Frederick	0.74	38.82	5.78	75	34	58	10
Frostburg	0.30	36.89	-2.50	74	32	54	9
Hagerstown	0.16	23.03	-9.45	77	35	59	9
Mechanicsville	0.92	37.36	-0.50	79	33	59	7
Patuxent River	0.43	41.47	5.90	81	36	64	11
Ocean City	1.25	36.54	-1.33	79	39	63	10
Salisbury	1.71	32.21	-6.29	82	35	63	10
Sharpsburg	0.57	30.34	-2.70	78	30	56	9
Stevensville	0.96	45.53	10.25	76	36	60	8
Washington DC Reagan National	1.27	31.75	-0.64	79	40	63	9
Delaware							
Dover	0.52	37.55	0.10	81	39	63	10
Georgetown	0.52	32.18	-4.97	84	36	64	12
Wilmington	0.50	38.24	4.15	77	37	60	9

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

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