



# Weather & Crops

CW 0210

April 12, 2010

## Drying of Fields Enables Increased Field Activity

For the week ending, April 11, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.6** days in Maryland and **5.5** days in Delaware. Soil moisture ratings ranged from adequate to surplus. One crop reporter in Southern Maryland reported “Farmers are busy catching up on spring work delayed by prior wet weather.”

**Hay supplies** are adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states. With the exceptions of **green peas** in Delaware and **sweet corn** in Maryland, vegetables are behind previous year’s percent planted in both States. **Potatoes** are at 33 and 12 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. **Fruit** crops have begun blooming with peaches clearing the 50 percent mark in both States. **Small grains** are in good condition.

### MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING April 11, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Apr 11 2010	Apr 4 2010	Apr 12 2009	5-Year Average	Apr 11 2010	Apr 4 2010	Apr 12 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	5		1	3	3	1	2	3
Cucumbers, planted	5			3				
Green Peas, planted	17	7	51	39	50	10	73	56
Potatoes, planted	33	27	44	46	12	10	35	43
Snap Beans, planted	1			1			1	3
Sweet Corn, planted	8	3	5	10	2	1	1	3
Tomatoes, planted	5		6	11				
Cantaloups, planted				3				
Strawberries, bloomed	40	36	25	25	13	9	16	16
Watermelons, planted				3				
Apples, bloomed	70			3	22	3		14
Peaches, bloomed	25	10	18	20	53	20	19	42

### CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING April 11, 2010

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Pasture		3	14	60	23	2	13	19	56	10
Barley	2	8	13	64	13	9	15	32	37	7
Winter Wheat	4	6	20	50	20	13	19	31	33	4

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING April 11, 2010**

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Apr 11	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 4
	<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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adequate	68	50	68	55	56	40	60	40
Surplus	30	47	32	45	44	60	40	60

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 11, 2010**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			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>
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.68	13.25	2.60	90	38	65	15
Frederick	0.38	11.33	1.78	90	38	63	17
Frostburg	0.07	11.87	0.12	85	32	57	14
Hagerstown	0.41	9.93	0.57	94	42	67	18
Mechanicsville	0.93	12.79	0.72	92	37	65	13
Patuxent River	0.77	12.85	2.21	90	41	66	14
Ocean City	0.50	15.65	2.68	89	40	62	11
Salisbury	0.44	11.04	-1.46	88	37	65	14
Sharpsburg	0.37	8.45	-1.10	91	33	62	16
Stevensville	0.82	13.12	2.01	90	37	64	13
Washington DC Reagan National	0.69	9.55	-0.03	90	43	67	13
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.61	13.34	1.93	89	40	66	15
Georgetown	0.73	14.88	2.75	89	41	66	17
Wilmington	0.46	13.18	2.60	87	41	64	15

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