



Weather & Crops

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Drier Weather Assists Field Activity

For the week ending, May 8, 2011, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.4** days in Maryland and **5.6** days in Delaware. Receiving some dry weather assisted crop plantings and grain crop progress. Corn planting was in full-swing. Soybean planting and first cuttings of hay were also beginning. One crop reporter in Central Delaware reported, "Farmers are hurrying to catch up after the wet weather we've been experiencing. Lots of activity planting corn. Dairy farms have started to harvest small grain silage and some areas are starting first cuttings of alfalfa."

Hay supplies remained adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. The first cutting for **alfalfa** and **other hay** has taken place in both states. Maryland is reporting 9 percent completed for the first cutting of alfalfa and 23 percent for other hay, while Delaware is reporting 57 percent for alfalfa and 62 percent for other hay. Farmers made good progress planting **corn for grain** with 41 percent planted in Maryland and 50 percent planted in Delaware. **Soybean** planting is beginning with 3 percent planted in Maryland and 9 percent planted in Delaware. **Potato** planting reached 100 percent planted in Maryland and 72 percent planted in Delaware. **Green pea** plantings reached 94 percent completed in Maryland and 74 percent completed in Delaware. The remaining **vegetable** crops are 10 to 42 percent planted in both States. **Fruit** crops blooming again increased with **apples** blooming at 96 percent in Maryland and 90 percent in Delaware. **Peaches** followed with 90 percent blooming in Maryland and 98 percent blooming in Delaware. **Strawberries** continued the upward blooming trend with 70 percent in Maryland and 96 percent in Delaware. Strawberry harvest has begun in both states with Maryland reporting 1 percent harvested and Delaware reporting 7 percent harvested. **Small grains** remained in good condition with **barley** over 50 percent headed in both States. **Pasture** conditions continued to be rated good in both states.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING May 8, 2011

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	May 8 2011	May 1 2011	May 9 2010	5-Year Average	May 8 2011	May 1 2011	May 9 2010	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	9				57			9
Other Hay, 1st cutting	23				62			11
Barley, headed	80	40		13	54	38	100	30
Barley, turned					17			
Corn, planted	41	22	71	55	50	46	80	63
Corn, emerged	11	4	33	21	26	17	20	25
Soybeans, planted	3	1	10	8	9	3	3	5
Winter Wheat, headed	53	24	54	49	48	12	84	44
Winter Wheat, turned					17			
Cucumbers, planted	14	10	34	23	15	6	24	12
Green Peas, planted	94	93	94	83	74	71	99	89
Potatoes, planted	100	87	97	97	72	60	89	95
Snap Beans, planted	11	8	28	19	22	7	32	26
Sweet Corn, planted	35	23	51	43	42	21	36	31
Tomatoes, planted	33	13	26	35	34	8	23	16
Cantaloups, planted	16	6	34	24	34	14	22	13
Strawberries, bloomed	70	65	92	85	96	83	88	82
Strawberries, harvested	1				7			5
Watermelons, planted	10	4	23	27	39	16	23	16
Apples, bloomed	96	92	100	82	90	50	85	88
Peaches, bloomed	90	72	100	94	98	50	100	99

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING May 8, 2011

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	1	4	15	52	28	1	5	20	73	1
Barley	2	2	4	74	18		1	10	83	6
Winter Wheat	1	2	2	66	29		1	10	83	6

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 8, 2011

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	May 8	May 1						
	<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	8	5	6	0	7	6	6	3
Adequate	79	70	88	85	84	82	88	87
Surplus	13	25	6	15	9	12	6	10

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 8, 2011

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 Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.83	14.69	1.14	82	40	59	-2
Frederick	0.84	17.13	5.12	81	40	58	2
Frostburg	0.50	20.39	4.64	78	35	53	
Hagerstown	0.85	17.01	4.50	81	42	58	-1
Mechanicsville	0.84	13.76	-1.33	81	42	59	-3
Patuxent River	0.89	11.69	-1.88	83	45	62	2
Ocean City	0.45	10.03	-5.77	74	48	63	4
Salisbury	0.70	10.52	-4.82	83	43	61	2
Sharpsburg	0.79	19.03	6.37	83	36	56	
Stevensville	0.79	14.09	-0.09	82	43	60	-1
Washington DC Reagan National	0.59	12.56	0.35	81	46	61	-3
Delaware							
Dover	0.97	13.29	-1.32	82	46	60	
Georgetown	0.84	12.14	-3.00	83	44	60	2
Wilmington	0.68	15.54	1.82	82	42	59	

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