



Weather & Crops

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Harvest and Planting Progress Slow

For the week ending, October 2, 2011, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.6** days in Delaware and **4.1** days in Maryland. Topsoil and subsoil moisture ranged from short to surplus in both states. A Delaware crop reporter responded, *"On and off rain slowing corn harvest."* A Maryland crop reporter responded, *"Wet, little time for field work. We need dry weather to reap and sow."*

The fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 45 percent complete and 57 percent complete for Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Other hay** progress in Delaware was 89 percent complete for the third cutting and 29 percent complete for the fourth cutting. The Maryland third and fourth cuttings of other hay were 67 percent and 6 percent complete, respectively. **Corn for grain** in Delaware was 100 percent mature, with 57 percent of corn for grain harvested and 100 percent of corn silage harvested. Maryland corn progress 93 percent mature, with corn for grain harvest at 47 percent complete and corn silage harvest at 88 percent complete. In Delaware, 73 percent of **soybeans** had turned color, 33 percent had dropped leaves, and 2 percent were harvested. Maryland soybean progress was 64 percent turned color, 29 percent dropped leaves, and 1 percent harvested. Delaware **barley** planting was 9 percent complete. Small grain planting continued in Maryland as field conditions allowed, with 25 percent of barley planted and 15 percent of **winter wheat** planted. **Apples** were 87 percent harvested in Delaware and 70 percent harvested in Maryland. **Vegetable** harvests were mostly complete for the season in Delaware and Maryland.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING October 2, 2011

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Oct 2 2011	Sep 25 2011	Oct 3 2010	5-Year Average	Oct 2 2011	Sep 25 2011	Oct 3 2010	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	57	35	70	75	45	30	57	71
Other Hay, 3rd cutting	67	65	98	78	89	87	99	88
Other Hay, 4th cutting	6	5	34	23	29	13	52	28
Barley, planted	25	21	51	41	9	1	23	18
Corn, mature	93	86	96	92	100	96	100	96
Corn, harvested for silage	88	87	94	84	100	97	97	75
Corn, harvested for grain	47	42	68	50	57	47	82	56
Soybeans, turned	64	49	83	77	73	32	95	77
Soybeans, dropping leaves	29	17	56	51	33	7	60	46
Soybeans, harvested	1	1	11	7	2		6	5
Winter Wheat, planted	15	12	35	20			30	8
Cucumbers, harvested	100	100	99	99	100	99	100	99
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	100	100	87	80	94	91	87	75
Snap Beans, harvested	100	100	100	98	100	99	100	99
Sweet Corn, harvested	98	96	100	98	100	100	100	99
Tomatoes, harvested	98	96	98	98	100	99	99	98
Cantaloups, harvested	100	98	100	98	100	99	100	99
Watermelons, harvested	100	100	100	98	100	100	100	99
Apples, harvested	70	61	72	78	87	85	82	66

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING October 2, 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	2	6	25	52	15	10	16	14	59	1
Corn	13	20	32	30	5	11	26	34	22	7
Soybeans	3	11	30	42	14	1	6	24	36	33

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING October 2, 2011

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Oct 2	Sep 25						
	<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	4	5	15	20
Adequate	64	65	75	78	73	83	55	61
Surplus	34	32	23	19	23	12	30	19

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 2, 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	0.87	45.41	14.16	80	46	68	6
Damascus ²	2.01	45.71	14.50	78	40	64	2
Frostburg	1.86	44.75	8.35	75	36	58	3
Hagerstown	1.01	38.59	9.24	79	41	65	4
Mechanicsville	1.05	42.71	8.17	79	45	67	4
Patuxent River	0.41	36.30	3.79	82	46	69	5
Ocean City	0.51	29.24	-5.59	79	48	68	4
Salisbury	0.68	34.32	-0.98	84	48	71	8
Sharpsburg	0.77	37.33	7.29	81	42	65	7
Stevensville	0.35	39.47	7.13	81	48	69	6
Washington DC Reagan National	0.91	36.57	7.00	80	45	69	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.56	38.26	3.83	79	49	69	5
Georgetown	0.76	31.60	-2.48	84	49	71	9
Wilmington	1.03	45.47	14.06	81	48	69	7

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.