



Weather & Crops

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Strawberry and Barley Harvests Nearly Complete

For the week ending, June 17, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.3** days in Delaware and **6.1** days in Maryland. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Hay supplies were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Pasture conditions were good in Maryland and fair in Delaware. Corn and soybeans were in good condition across Delaware and Maryland. Winter wheat conditions were mostly good in both States. Apples and peaches were in good condition across both states. A Delaware crop reporter responded, *"Farmers have started to irrigate and are busy checking crops for insect problems."* A Maryland crop reporter responded, *"Full season soybean planting is nearly complete, with double crop soybeans being planted after barley harvest."*

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 50 percent complete in Maryland and 52 percent complete in Delaware. The second cutting of **other hay** in Maryland was 43 percent complete. The second cutting of other hay was 50 percent complete in Delaware. **Corn** development continued across both States. **Soybeans** were 83 percent planted and 67 percent emerged in Maryland. Delaware soybeans were 85 percent planted and 71 percent emerged. **Barley** was 82 percent harvested in Maryland and 87 percent harvested in Delaware. **Winter wheat** was 100 percent turned and 28 percent harvested in Maryland. Delaware winter wheat was 100 percent turned and 33 percent harvested. In Maryland, **cucumbers** were 6 percent harvested and **green peas** were 87 percent harvested. Delaware cucumber and green pea harvests were 7 percent and 88 percent complete, respectively. Early harvests of **snap beans** and **sweet corn** also began in Maryland and Delaware. **Strawberries** were 100 and 99 percent harvested in Maryland and Delaware, respectively.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING June 17, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Jun 17 2012	Jun 10 2012	Jun 19 2011	5-Year Average	Jun 17 2012	Jun 10 2012	Jun 19 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 2nd cutting	50	26	34	27	52	44	9	18
Other Hay, 2nd cutting	43	18	22	13	50	41	5	12
Barley, harvested	82	59	57	49	87	62	46	46
Soybeans, planted	83	74	75	70	85	80	79	72
Soybeans, emerged	67	62	64	58	71	69	56	51
Winter Wheat, turned	100	98	93	81	100	91	96	91
Winter Wheat, harvested	28	10	15	8	33	6	26	10
Cucumbers, planted	87	85	81	63	85	82	65	65
Cucumbers, harvested	6	4	12	6	7	5	5	2
Green Peas, harvested	87	64	76	65	88	66	89	63
Lima Beans, planted (ALL)	92	90		61	77	74		52
Snap Beans, planted	83	80	64	72	86	82	76	76
Sweet Corn, planted	92	89	80	84	92	90	93	83
Tomatoes, planted	94	82	94	91	98	96	93	92
Cantaloupes, planted	94	92	81	84	90	85	90	87
Strawberries, harvested	100	98	94	89	99	97	99	96
Watermelons, planted	92	90	89	89	99	97	96	91

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING June 17, 2012

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	4	8	22	58	8	4	29	43	24	
Corn	1	4	12	62	21		5	17	53	25
Soybeans		3	15	65	17		1	25	48	26
Winter Wheat		2	11	66	21	1	5	22	52	20
Apples			14	81	5	2	3	11	72	12
Peaches		4	36	53	7	2	4	12	71	11

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING June 17, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Jun 17	Jun 10	Jun 17	Jun 10	Jun 17	Jun 10	Jun 17	Jun 10
	<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	8	6	9	9	7	4	3	2
Short	23	35	17	28	42	33	43	34
Adequate	69	58	74	63	51	63	54	64
Surplus	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING June 17, 2012

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	0.33	12.89	-5.70	94	53	72	
Damascus ²	0.96	17.96	-0.77	86	54	68	-3
Frostburg	0.43	17.60	-4.22	84	48	65	2
Hagerstown	0.65	16.32	-1.52	88	57	72	2
Mechanicsville	0.55	15.23	-5.56	91	57	73	2
Patuxent River	0.24	14.27	-4.55	90	60	74	3
Ocean City	0.35	14.98	-5.52	87	62	71	-2
Salisbury	0.91	13.78	-6.48	96	57	74	3
Sharpsburg	1.01	17.08	-1.24	89	53	70	2
Stevensville	0.33	12.84	-6.67	90	56	72	-1
Washington DC Reagan National	0.26	12.35	-4.66	92	62	76	-1
Delaware							
Dover	0.52	10.42	-9.48	90	55	72	-2
Georgetown	0.47	10.43	-9.56	94	54	72	2
Wilmington	1.55	12.91	-5.77	93	55	73	2

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.

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