



# Weather & Crops

CW 3512

November 26, 2012

## Soybean Harvest nears Completion

For the week ending, November 26, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.4** days in Maryland and **6.6** days in Delaware. Temperatures were seasonal with average temperatures ranging from 3 degrees below to 2 degrees above average. Only one Delaware and Maryland reporting station reported any measurable rain during the week. The topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Pasture conditions were good in Maryland and fair in Delaware. Hay supplies were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. A Delaware crop reporter responded, *“Wheat had a good week to grow. Drowned out areas have been replanted by broadcast and light tilling.”* A Maryland crop reporter responded, *“Farmers are finishing up harvesting, manure spreading and small grain planting. Heavy soils still show some excess moisture and provide some challenges.”*

In Maryland, **soybeans** were 93 percent harvested. Delaware soybeans were 97 percent harvested. The fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 97 percent complete in Maryland and 71 percent complete in Delaware. The fourth cutting of **other hay** in Maryland was 56 percent complete. The fourth cutting of other hay in Delaware was 85 percent complete. **Winter wheat** planting was 99 percent complete in Maryland and 99 percent complete in Delaware. Winter wheat condition in Maryland was good while in Delaware it was rated good to excellent.

*NASS is currently conducting our annual December surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of December, NASS is surveying U.S. Corn, Soybean and Hay growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their annual pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2013 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!*

### MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING November 25, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Nov 25 2012	Nov 18 2012	Nov 27 2011	5-Year Average	Nov 25 2012	Nov 18 2012	Nov 27 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	97	96	48	77	71	68	44	73
Other Hay, 4th cutting	56	33	68	90	85	84	75	94
Soybeans, harvested	93	86	88	88	97	91	88	87
Winter Wheat, planted	99	97	100	98	99	97	99	95
Winter Wheat, emerged	97	89	86	91	93	84	93	87

**CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING November 25, 2012**

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Pasture	2	5	16	68	9	3	11	52	32	2
Winter Wheat	0	1	4	64	31	1	5	30	31	33

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING November 25, 2012**

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Nov 25	Nov 18	Nov 25	Nov 18	Nov 25	Nov 18	Nov 25	Nov 18
	<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	3	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	0	3	0	4	2	3	3
Adequate	83	83	81	89	86	85	91	90
Surplus	15	17	13	11	10	13	6	7

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 25, 2012**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			Departure From Normal
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	
		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>
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP		34.36	-2.51	61	28	45	
Damascus		44.88	7.91	60	30	42	-3
Frostburg		36.00	-6.51	57	23	38	1
Hagerstown		34.71	-0.67	60	29	41	
Mechanicsville		35.75	-5.18	62	27	43	-3
Patuxent River		34.73	-3.82	59	30	46	
Ocean City		44.31	3.66	57	29	47	-1
Salisbury		39.78	-1.43	62	30	48	3
Sharpsburg	0.02	42.04	6.01	65	25	40	
Stevensville		35.91	-2.28	59	32	44	-2
Washington DC Reagan National		29.46	-5.61	61	33	48	1
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover		30.48	-9.69	59	30	44	-3
Georgetown		32.35	-7.54	60	28	46	2
Wilmington		33.00	-3.88	57	30	44	-1

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