



Weather & Crops

CW 0212

April 9, 2012

Fieldwork Continues Under Clear Skies

For the week ending, April 9, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **7.0** days in Delaware and **6.9** days in Maryland. Topsoil moisture levels were short in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. Subsoil moisture levels were mostly adequate in both States. Barley and winter wheat conditions were mostly good in both States. A Delaware crop reporter responded, *“Dry conditions have been good for working the ground, spraying, and planting. The small grains look good, but they need rain.”* A Maryland crop reporter responded, *“Crops are two to three weeks ahead of schedule. Rye being chopped for silage and corn will soon be planted behind it.”*

Corn was 5 percent planted in Maryland and 4 percent planted in Delaware. **Barley** was 20 percent headed in Maryland and 55 percent headed in Delaware. **Winter wheat** was 4 percent headed in Maryland and 2 percent headed in Delaware. **Green peas** planted in Maryland and Delaware were at 33 and 54 percent planted, respectively. **Potatoes** were 72 percent planted in Maryland and 12 percent planted in Delaware. Maryland **sweet corn** and **tomatoes** were 10 percent planted and 6 percent planted, respectively. Delaware sweet corn was 3 percent planted. **Apples** were 64 percent bloomed in Maryland and 16 percent bloomed in Delaware. **Peaches** were 82 percent bloomed in Maryland and 59 percent in Delaware. **Strawberries** were 34 percent bloomed in Maryland and 36 percent bloomed in Delaware. **Hay supplies** were short in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. **Pasture** conditions were mostly good in both States.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING April 8, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Apr 8 2012	Apr 1 2012	Apr 10 2011	5-Year Average	Apr 8 2012	Apr 1 2012	Apr 10 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley, headed	20				55			
Corn, planted	5	2	1	1	4	2	2	2
Winter Wheat, headed	4				2			
Green Peas, planted	33	23	20	28	54	34	35	48
Potatoes, planted	72	21	17	34	12	5	24	31
Sweet Corn, planted	10	2	3	7	3	1	2	2
Tomatoes, planted	6		3	5				
Strawberries, bloomed	34	20	15	24	36	21	16	12
Apples, bloomed	64	50	1	9	16	5	3	10
Peaches, bloomed	82	67	6	13	59	33	18	27

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING April 8, 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		3	25	61	11	6	12	14	65	3
Barley		1	22	53	24		1	11	80	8
Winter Wheat			17	65	18		1	10	80	9

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING April 8, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Apr 8	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 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	3	0	0	0	17	3	7	1
Short	33	21	27	15	59	17	34	10
Adequate	63	75	72	81	24	80	59	88
Surplus	1	4	1	4	0	0	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 8, 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	0.06	6.99	-3.46	75	32	53	3
Damascus ²	0.05	7.25	-2.46	71	33	51	1
Frostburg	0.37	9.57	-1.90	71	30	47	4
Hagerstown	0.20	6.48	-2.66	73	34	52	5
Mechanicsville	0.06	6.25	-5.60	76	32	51	-2
Patuxent River	0.03	6.07	-4.37	78	35	52	
Ocean City	0.14	6.57	-6.18	76	30	50	-2
Salisbury	0.15	6.93	-5.35	79	32	53	2
Sharpsburg	0.15	6.74	-2.59	75	28	48	3
Stevensville	0.10	5.43	-5.48	72	36	52	2
Washington DC Reagan National	0.15	5.79	-3.62	76	42	56	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.19	5.07	-6.13	74	36	51	
Georgetown	0.13	4.90	-6.99	77	31	53	4
Wilmington	0.33	5.86	-4.50	72	32	50	1

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.