



# Weather & Crops

CW 2213

August 26, 2013

## Intermittent Showers Leave Great Week for Fieldwork

For the week ending, August 25, 2013, the days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0 days in Delaware and 6.0 days in Maryland. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels were rated mostly adequate. Corn and soybeans were rated mostly good to excellent condition in Maryland, and mostly good in Delaware. A Delaware crop reporter responded, *“The ground is starting to get a bit dry...some rain at this time would be helpful. However, farmers are looking at excellent yields for corn and soybeans as of this date...”* A Maryland crop reporter responded, *“Corn harvest has started on isolated farms, with most expecting to start this week or next. Soybeans look very good. Full season beans are leggy and prone to lodging. hay harvest has been sporadic between the rain showers...”*

**Hay supplies** were rated mostly adequate in both states. **Pasture** conditions were rated mostly good in both states. The third cutting of **other hay** in Maryland and Delaware were 32 percent and 53 percent respectively. The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 70 percent complete in Maryland and 85 percent complete in Delaware. **Corn** progress was 98 percent dough and 48 percent at the dent stage in Maryland. Delaware corn progress was 100 percent dough and 64 percent at the dent stage. **Soybeans** were 90 percent bloomed with 71 percent setting pods in Maryland. Delaware **soybeans** were 84 percent bloomed with 63 percent setting pods. **Potato** harvest was 89 percent complete in Maryland and 89 percent complete in Delaware. **Vegetable** harvesting continued across both states.

### MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING August 25, 2013

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Aug 25 2013	Aug 18 2013	Aug 26 2012	5-Year Average	Aug 25 2013	Aug 18 2013	Aug 26 2012	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dough	98	88	94	92	100	77	100	90
Corn, dent	48	28	50	61	64	38	86	71
Corn, mature	9	3	25	16	7		22	18
Corn, harvested for silage	20	10	33	9	15	11	58	13
Soybeans, bloomed	90	82	99	93	84	75	98	92
Soybeans, setting pods	71	63	82	78	63	51	75	70
Cucumbers, harvested	77	71	78	79	82	75	85	81
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	66	50	64	55	53	41	63	57
Potatoes, harvested	89	82	100	95	89	80	98	87
Snap Beans, harvested	83	80	89	85	82	80	81	82
Sweet Corn, harvested	83	71	83	79	84	82	86	86
Tomatoes, harvested	65	60	74	73	77	63	77	72
Cantaloups, harvested	79	63	71	78	78	57	87	83
Watermelons, harvested	70	65	73	70	86	75	88	86

**CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING August 25, 2013**

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	1	1	9	64	25	1	3	33	61	2
Corn			15	42	43	3	6	21	64	6
Soybeans	1	4	15	55	25	2	5	26	60	7
Apples			1	98	1	7	12	42	34	5
Peaches		6	6	72	16	10	17	39	27	7

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING August 25, 2013**

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Aug 25	Aug 18	Aug 25	Aug 18	Aug 25	Aug 18	Aug 25	Aug 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	1	1	3	3	0	0	1	0
Short	8	7	14	7	15	6	7	3
Adequate	82	83	75	88	73	72	84	77
Surplus	9	9	8	2	12	22	8	20

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 25, 2013**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			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>
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.03	25.60	-1.31	91	57	74	-2
Damascus	0.13	32.31	5.60	83	58	70	-4
Frostburg	1.52	29.21	-3.00	80	52	65	-2
Hagerstown	0.20	19.20	-6.29	87	55	71	-2
Mechanicsville	0.48	32.41	2.51	84	58	70	-5
Patuxent River	1.06	29.78	2.06	87	59	72	-2
Ocean City	0.29	35.63	5.24	85	59	72	-3
Salisbury	0.26	39.42	8.99	89	58	74	
Sharpsburg	0.59	24.07	-1.73	85	55	69	-2
Stevensville	0.02	32.03	4.12	88	60	74	-1
Washington DC Reagan National	0.31	28.34	3.00	91	64	76	-3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.16	32.13	3.14	87	57	74	-2
Georgetown	1.07	42.23	12.74	89	57	73	-1
Wilmington	0.08	35.78	8.66	87	56	74	-2

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