

# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** Delaware had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work while Maryland had 5.

Field activities for the region are finally underway with lots of farmers plowing, planting, and fertilizing. Low precipitation, about half an inch for the week, has brought down the surpluses of moisture in the soil in both states but more precipitation, with thunderstorms Tuesday, is projected for this week. Peach trees have started blooming but are still behind last Spring's progress. Temperatures reached a high of 82 and a low of 22 with the average temperatures of 46-60.

## MD Moisture for Week Ending April 13, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	5%	82%	13%
Subsoil	0%	4%	86%	10%

### Crop Progress (in %):

	April 13	Last Year	5-year Average
Green Peas Planted	10	36	45
Peaches Full Bloom	20	33	40
Potatoes Planted	16	53	52

### Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	2	6	42	42	8
Pasture	0	5	31	59	5
Winter Wheat	1	12	24	55	8

## DE Moisture for Week Ending April 13, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	3%	86%	11%
Subsoil	0%	0%	89%	11%

### Crop Progress (in %):

	April 13	Last Year	5-year Average
Green Peas Planted	31	56	60
Peaches Full Bloom	11	28	39
Potatoes Planted	7	40	34
Strawberries Full Bloom	8	15	29

### Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	1	2	10	80	7
Pasture	15	19	39	21	6
Winter Wheat	1	2	9	80	8

### Hay and Roughage Supplies

	MD	DE
Very Poor	2%	2%
Poor	27%	15%
Fair	71%	80%
Good	0%	3%
Excellent		

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## April 13, 2014 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maryland	Baltimore_Washi	80	35	55	+5	0.52	1	0.67	-0.65	4	54	+20	176
	Beltsville	78	35	53	+3	0.52	2	0.53	-0.87	3	47	+12	160
	Brighton_Dam	80	32	52	+3	0.58	3	0.58	-0.91	3	40	+11	146
	Cumberland	80	28	50	-2	0.54	2	0.89	-0.42	5	42	+10	137
	Emmitsburg	76	30	52	+2	0.56	2	0.69	-0.94	5	31	-1	136
	Frostburg	73	24	47	+4	0.28	1	0.81	-0.87	5	18	+18	96
	Hagerstown_AP	75	36	54	+5	0.43	2	0.50	-0.93	4	57	+35	165
	Mechanicsville	82	30	54	0	0.41	1	0.41	-1.17	1	49	-4	168
	Millers_4NE	80	33	55	+5	0.49	3	0.62	-0.84	7	43	+18	152
	Ocean_City_AP	73	31	53	-1	0.41	1	0.50	-1.02	2	38	-12	149
	Oxon_Hill	82	33	56	+2	0.41	1	0.44	-0.92	3	74	+16	198
	Patuxent_River	81	35	57	+4	0.55	2	0.58	-0.86	3	66	+16	187
	Reisterstown	79	32	53	+2	0.53	3	0.85	-0.51	7	36	+2	153
	Salisbury_AP	80	34	58	+6	0.21	1	0.22	-1.32	2	94	+54	217
	Savage_River_Da	72	27	47	+2	0.34	2	0.59	-0.84	4	17	+16	98
	Sharpsburg_5S	79	26	50	0	0.52	3	0.56	-0.82	5	29	+11	123
	Sines_Deep_Cree	75	22	46	-1	0.58	2	1.09	-0.60	4	10	+9	83
Stevensville	77	40	54	+3	0.32	2	0.39	-1.06	5	40	+4	164	
Washington_DC_A	82	42	60	+7	0.42	1	0.48	-0.72	2	111	+52	241	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	80	36	56	+4	0.35	1	0.40	-1.14	2	58	+15	176
	Georgetown_AP	81	34	58	+7	0.41	1	0.43	-1.13	3	74	+44	196
	Wilmington_DE	79	34	55	+6	0.68	1	0.81	-0.66	3	48	+23	167

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

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Montgomery & Howard Counties, MD

Charles Schuster

Soil moisture conditions greatly improved during the last seven days. Field activities have increased greatly, with nitrogen applications on wheat moving along very well. Peach trees are not blooming as would be expected and some have produced leaves with no flowers.

Harford County, MD

Patricia Hoopes

Finally, the fields are turning green!

Sussex County, DE

Harry Hudson

Farmers are working the ground, fertilizing, planting some corn, and top dressing small grain. Peas are pretty much all planted after a slow start to the season.

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