

Crop Progress & Condition



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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland had 6 days and Delaware had 6.5 days suitable for field work. Corn is starting to emerge in both states now even with only about half of it being planted. Barley is making tremendous progress with heading doubling in the last week. Apples have also almost doubled in amount bloomed. Potatoes are over half way planted in Delaware and almost completely planted in Maryland. Strawberries are just starting to be harvested in Maryland which is well ahead Delaware. Cucumbers were just starting to be planted in Delaware as well. Field activities for the week will mainly include planting corn. Temperatures are projected to be in the mid 80's this upcoming week with overnight lows mostly above 60. There is at least a 20% chance of rain everyday which could keep soils wet and heavy and delay planting.

MD Moisture for Week Ending May 11, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	3%	93%	4%
Topsoil	0%	4%	85%	11%

Crop Progress (in %):

	May 11	Last Year	5-yr Ave.
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	12	21	25
Apples Full Bloom	88	100	98
Barley Headed	62	78	70
Cantaloupes Planted	18	15	24
Corn Planted	44	51	60
Corn Emerged	14	14	29
Cucumbers Planted	22	44	27
Green Peas Planted	72	84	93
Lima Beans Planted	23	11	8
Peaches Full Bloom	93	100	98
Potatoes Planted	91	99	99
Snap Beans Planted	15	23	22
Strawberries Full Bloom	73	67	83
Strawberries Harvested	5	2	8
Sweet Corn Planted	34	37	42
Tomatoes Planted	22	37	36
Watermelon Planted	20	20	22
Winter Wheat Headed	26	45	68

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	23	67	7
Barley	2	7	39	44	8
Other Hay	1	2	28	65	4
Pasture	0	2	14	63	21
Winter Wheat	1	10	20	62	7

DE Moisture for Week Ending May 11, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	0%	89%	11%
Topsoil	0%	0%	90%	6%

Crop Progress (in %):

	May 11	Last Year	5-yr Ave.
Apples Full Bloom	69	87	89
Barley Headed	43	92	80
Corn Planted	48	76	67
Corn Emerged	19	24	34
Cucumbers Planted	6	13	17
Green Peas Planted	75	100	94
Peaches Full Bloom	92	99	99
Potatoes Planted	62	97	89
Strawberries Full Bloom	46	97	96
Sweet Corn Planted	28	38	40
Tomatoes Planted	21	14	28
Watermelon	29	28	35
Winter Wheat Headed	9	33	55

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	4	22	61	12
Barley	1	2	11	81	5
Other Hay	1	4	22	61	12
Pasture	3	5	22	28	42
Winter Wheat	1	3	14	77	5

Hay and Roughage Supplies

	MD	DE		
	7%	26%	67%	0%
	1%	19%	80%	0%

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

May 11, 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	85	43	63	+3	0.46	2	9.36	+5.05	14	290	+53	667
	Beltsville	84	44	63	+3	0.57	3	8.76	+3.85	15	275	+36	648
	Brighton_Dam	85	41	63	+4	0.67	3	9.84	+4.74	14	238	+24	591
	Cumberland	91	41	62	+3	1.59	4	4.90	+0.34	16	253	+29	600
	Emmitsburg	84	41	61	+2	0.33	2	6.49	+1.16	15	204	-18	562
	Frostburg	83	34	57	+4	1.76	4	5.39	-0.26	18	117	+43	403
	Hagerstown_AP	85	40	62	+3	0.46	3	3.20	-1.59	14	259	+55	617
	Mechanicsville	86	45	63	+2	0.56	4	6.93	+2.02	12	282	-14	658
	Millers_4NE	81	38	62	+3	0.42	3	7.13	+2.19	20	215	+21	573
	Ocean_City_AP	83	44	62	0	0.26	3	3.63	-0.85	12	226	-79	598
	Oxon_Hill	88	47	64	+3	0.54	3	7.07	+2.59	15	326	+14	714
	Patuxent_River	80	48	64	+2	0.42	2	5.12	+0.50	12	311	+8	696
	Reisterstown	83	42	59	-2	1.43	2	8.55	+3.68	17	206	-35	569
	Salisbury_AP	87	45	66	+6	0.08	2	3.14	-1.59	10	390	+129	781
	Savage_River_Da	83	35	58	+4	0.39	2	2.89	-1.97	13	123	+24	428
	Sharpsburg_5S	88	35	60	+2	0.98	4	5.42	+0.72	17	184	+13	519
	Sines_Deep_Cree	82	31	56	+2	0.83	4	3.93	-1.81	16	85	-9	366
Stevensville	79	49	63	+3	0.23	3	6.24	+1.40	16	275	+23	660	
Washington_DC_A	87	50	67	+4	0.68	3	7.31	+3.26	13	430	+99	833	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	81	46	62	+1	0.05	1	3.69	-1.27	11	283	+3	654
	Georgetown_AP	82	46	64	+5	0.07	1	3.82	-0.96	11	331	+115	713
	Wilmington_DE	82	46	62	+3	0.48	2	7.70	+2.89	13	270	+60	650

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

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Last week mostly dry. Everyone trying to get their corn in the ground ASAP.

Frederick County, MD – Stan Fultz

Barley and rye small grain used for silage is 60 complete being harvested. Triticale and wheat small grain silage harvest will begin this week.

Harford County, MD - Patricia Hoopes

The winter crops for harvest are maturing and heading up but they are very short. Winter cover crops have been sprayed and are ready to be tilled under.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

Cool temperatures and moist soil conditions have slowed planting.

Some corn has been planted for more than 7 days and while it has germinated has not emerged. Soybean planting has started in limited fashion on some ground. Strawberries are progressing well for most growers. Conditions are favoring fire blight at this time also. Warm temperatures have brought barley into head.

Somerset & Wicomico Counties, MD – Jarrod Miller

Planting is behind, but farmers moved quickly to catch up on corn planting last week.

St. Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Farmers are trying to make catch-up planting of corn and switch to beans. A lot of hay was cut in the past week. Vegetable planting is in full swing.

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