

Crop Progress & Condition



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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had 6 days and Delaware had 5 days suitable for field work. Green peas and potatoes are all planted in both states. Barely is just starting to color in the region as well. Snap beans are about half planted in Maryland and only about 30% in Delaware. Apples are also behind bloom in Delaware but strawberries are completely bloomed in both states and being harvested. Apple and peach conditions are also now being recorded. Field activities include planting for and soybeans and harvesting forage crops. There were some reports of hail and strong winds damaging crops last week. This week's weather includes some sever thunderstorms Tuesday and Wednesday and showers on Thursday which will halt field work. Farmers will most likely spend the weekend catching up on planting and cutting haylage.

MD Moisture for Week Ending May 25, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	5%	85%	10%
Topsoil	0%	1%	94%	5%

MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	24	65	8
Apples	1	1	6	79	13
Barley	2	9	37	42	10
Other Hay	2	3	21	67	7
Pasture	0	1	12	65	22
Peaches	0	5	9	80	6
Winter Wheat	1	7	18	65	9

MD Crop Progress (in %):

	May 25	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	74	77	67
Barley Headed	90	98	99
Barley Coloring	7	40	40
Cantaloupes Planted	60	49	61
Corn Planted	83	85	88
Corn Emerged	61	66	69
Cucumbers Planted	76	56	50
Lima Beans Planted	36	53	40
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	34	47	56
Snap Beans Planted	51	59	46
Soybean Planted	30	24	31
Soybean Emerged	5	12	12
Strawberries Harvested	17	9	36
Sweet Corn Planted	76	57	61
Tomatoes Planted	63	59	61
Watermelon Planted	58	47	51
Winter Wheat Headed	80	92	95

DE Moisture for Week Ending May 25, 2014
(100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	3%	86%	11%
Topsoil	1%	4%	82%	13%

DE Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	12	79	6
Apples	3	5	25	62	5
Barley	1	2	12	80	5
Other Hay	1	2	15	75	7
Pasture	2	4	23	29	42
Peaches	4	7	22	58	9
Winter Wheat	1	4	16	74	5

Hay and Roughage Supplies

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	6%	22%	71%	1%
DE	0%	16%	81%	3%

DE Crop Progress (in %):

	May 25	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	50	88	78
Apples Full Bloom	93	-	-
Barley Coloring	7	32	38
Cantaloupes Planted	64	60	62
Corn Planted	89	94	93
Corn Emerged	65	54	73
Cucumbers Planted	29	45	45
Lima Beans Planted	27	29	39
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	47	93	79
Snap Beans Planted	29	45	54
Soybeans Planted	29	35	40
Soybean Emerged	7	16	19
Strawberries Harvested	9	26	53
Sweet Corn Planted	66	74	67
Tomatoes Planted	71	70	71
Watermelon	68	73	74
Winter Wheat Headed	92	97	-

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May 26, 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	84	44	64	-1	0.20	1	11.28	+5.15	18	506	+78	1023
	Beltsville	84	43	63	-2	0.44	3	12.07	+5.06	22	482	+50	995
	Brighton_Dam	83	40	61	-3	0.48	2	13.66	+6.34	19	420	+24	913
	Cumberland	84	38	63	-2	0.07	2	7.45	+1.07	22	454	+46	941
	Emmitsburg	83	39	61	-4	0.34	3	10.28	+2.86	21	388	-16	886
	Frostburg	74	37	56	-3	0.02	2	7.88	+0.03	24	234	+55	656
	Hagerstown_AP	83	42	62	-3	0.74	2	7.09	+0.37	19	458	+66	956
	Mechanicsville	83	44	64	-3	0.14	1	8.36	+1.49	17	495	-5	1011
	Millers_4NE	82	39	62	-2	0.50	4	10.45	+3.55	26	393	+31	891
	Ocean_City_AP	77	43	63	-4	0.26	2	5.91	-0.25	15	424	-99	936
	Oxon_Hill	86	44	65	-1	0.19	1	10.41	+4.00	19	553	+37	1077
	Patuxent_River	85	45	66	-2	0.21	2	8.81	+2.23	18	540	+19	1065
	Reisterstown	82	44	61	-5	0.30	3	11.21	+4.22	24	381	-55	884
	Salisbury_AP	86	45	67	+3	0.45	2	4.91	-1.64	14	650	+192	1181
	Savage_River_Da	73	35	56	-3	0.00	0	5.89	-0.93	15	251	+33	691
	Sharpsburg_5S	84	37	59	-4	0.46	1	10.07	+3.45	20	352	+20	827
	Sines_Deep_Cree	74	30	54	-6	0.09	1	7.88	-0.10	23	186	-20	590
	Stevensville	84	52	65	0	0.27	2	8.56	+1.63	22	512	+59	1037
	Washington_DC_A	89	49	69	+2	0.16	1	10.20	+4.33	17	693	+131	1236
Delaware	Dover_AFB	75	45	63	-3	0.55	3	5.60	-1.32	16	493	+1	1004
	Georgetown_AP	82	45	65	+2	0.96	2	6.04	-0.56	15	567	+170	1089
	Wilmington_DE	79	44	64	-1	0.34	2	9.47	+2.71	18	482	+87	1002

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

High winds and hail in spots last Thursday have put a hurt on corn that was up and growing - corn planting nearly complete. Winds and hail damaged any crops above ground.

Sussex County, DE – John Timmons

Reports of spotty wind damage to wheat this last week. There is visual head and leaf disease in barley and some wheat fields.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Storms mid-week hindered planting and hay making. Wet spring makes some parts of fields too wet to plant.

Harford County, MD - Patricia Hoopes

Farmers are out in full force planting corn and making hay. Lots of spraying and fertilizing going on too.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

Forage harvest for hay has started. Orchard Grass is short but otherwise good. Alfalfa is excellent. Rains have slowed progress in hay harvest. Wet fields are still preventing some crops to be planted. Early strawberries are just starting to be ready, but only in small numbers. Corn planting and emergence is strong with some warmer temperatures. Apples numbers are high, and most peaches are good but smaller in number on trees. Wheat and Barley are much improved at this time.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Selmer

A great deal of alfalfa and cereals were chopped this week. Corn planting was in high gear and soybean planting has begun. Hay both grass and alfalfa while physiologically at a normal stage the tonnage is about half. Barley and wheat straw will be short. The jury is still out on grain yield.

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