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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had 6 days of field work and corn height is 86 inches tall. Delaware had 5.5 days of field work and corn height is 89 inches tall. Precipitation and relatively low temperatures for this time of year have significantly helped the row crops last week although Delaware is still reporting about 20% of its soils as short on moisture. Soybeans have started to fully pod in both states and Maryland is considerably ahead of Delaware in making hay. Green peas are also mostly all harvested and soybeans are all bloomed in Maryland. Peaches are more than half-way harvested in both states.

This week, temperatures will return to mid to upper 80's, with highs in the 90's Wednesday. The week should be dry but scattered thunderstorms are expected Saturday and Sunday. Field activities during this, warm, dry week should include cutting hay and harvesting vegetables.

MD Moisture for Week Ending August 24th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	7%	93%	0%
Topsoil	1%	7%	89%	3%

MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	0	1	3	92	4
Corn	1	2	9	57	31
Pasture	1	8	18	49	24
Soybean	0	2	8	60	30

MD Crop Progress (in %):

	August 24 th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	80	100	100
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	78	67	80
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	40	12	16
Apples Harvested	24	32	28
Cantaloupes Harvested	60	77	76
Corn Milk	93	100	100
Corn Dough	71	97	92
Corn Dented	28	45	57
Cucumbers Harvested	72	76	77
Lima Beans Harvested	38	64	56
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	78	100	98
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	24	31	34
Peaches Harvested	58	84	84
Potatoes Harvested	61	88	93
Snap Beans Harvested	69	83	84
Soybean Blooming	95	89	93
Soybean Setting Pods	83	70	77
Soybeans Fully Podded	14	n/a	n/a
Sweet Corn Harvested	81	81	79
Tomatoes Harvested	64	64	72
Watermelons Harvested	69	69	67

DE Crop Progress (in %):**DE Moisture for Week Ending August 24th, 2014
(100% total)**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	3%	19%	70%	8%
Topsoil	3%	25%	69%	3%

DE Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	3	5	24	62	6
Corn	3	5	23	56	13
Pasture	2	9	40	45	4
Peaches	4	7	26	56	7
Soybean	1	3	14	60	22

Hay and Roughage Supplies

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	0%	17%	78%	5%
DE	0%	7%	76%	17%

	August 24 th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	78	100	100
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	59	82	79
Apples Harvested	26	39	39
Cantaloupes Harvested	82	75	82
Corn Dough	82	97	94
Corn Dented	43	60	68
Cucumbers Harvested	76	100	100
Lima Beans Harvested	22	51	60
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	80	100	100
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	38	53	51
Peaches Harvested	55	81	88
Potatoes Harvested	49	88	89
Snap Beans Harvested	72	82	82
Soybean Blooming	90	83	89
Soybeans Setting Pods	75	61	66
Soybeans Fully Podded	8	n/a	n/a
Sweet Corn Harvested	79	84	86
Tomatoes Harvested	71	75	73
Watermelon Harvested	81	84	86

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August 24, 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	87	64	74	0	0.23	2	26.06	+9.01	47	2698	+92	4125
	Beltsville	87	64	74	-2	0.70	4	24.46	+6.11	58	2633	-14	4056
	Brighton_Dam	85	61	72	-2	0.52	4	25.99	+6.92	50	2399	-62	3802
	Cumberland	89	64	76	+4	0.50	4	21.92	+5.49	61	2508	+77	3905
	Emmitsburg	85	57	71	-2	2.08	3	27.28	+8.27	58	2295	-163	3703
	Frostburg	79	58	69	+3	1.30	4	20.62	+1.20	65	1743	+80	3075
	Hagerstown_AP	86	61	73	0	2.33	4	21.85	+4.88	54	2549	+88	3957
	Mechanicsville	87	62	73	-2	0.32	4	16.65	-2.83	53	2617	-74	4043
	Millers_4NE	86	55	71	-1	0.41	3	22.17	+4.45	63	2308	-25	3716
	Ocean_City_AP	87	66	76	+2	0.11	2	14.34	-4.71	39	2519	-253	3941
	Oxon_Hill	87	65	75	+1	0.49	5	23.99	+5.27	53	2776	+112	4212
	Patuxent_River	83	62	75	-2	0.59	2	19.59	+1.52	48	2792	-58	4227
	Reisterstown	85	59	71	-4	0.52	4	23.78	+5.87	62	2239	-328	3652
	Salisbury_AP	87	63	76	+2	0.18	3	12.58	-6.75	36	3011	+313	4452
	Savage_River_Da	80	61	71	+4	0.45	3	15.55	-2.53	49	1859	+50	3209
	Sharpsburg_5S	86	59	72	+2	1.24	2	25.58	+7.82	59	2259	-16	3644
	Sines_Deep_Cree	79	40	67	+2	2.91	5	25.86	+3.83	76	1619	-69	2933
Stevensville	86	65	75	0	0.19	2	19.55	+1.14	56	2780	+69	4215	
Washington_DC_A	90	68	79	+3	0.49	4	22.54	+6.52	49	3261	+272	4714	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	84	59	73	-4	0.09	3	15.87	-3.43	47	2649	-139	4070
	Georgetown_AP	86	61	74	0	0.37	2	19.75	+1.26	46	2793	+279	4225
	Wilmington_DE	83	58	74	-1	0.04	2	24.31	+6.21	47	2667	+92	4097

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.

Montgomery County, MD - Charles Schuster

0.8 inches in Montgomery and 0.9 inches of rain in Howard fell during this reporting period. Corn and soybeans benefited from this moisture. Temperatures are slightly below normal in this reporting area. Pastures are providing needed forage where managed properly, with moisture and temperatures helping keep cool forages growing. Fields for corn silage are being opened in some areas. Soybeans are filling out nicely. Buckwheat has benefited from recent moisture. Apples and peaches are doing well.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Still getting rain. Some reports of people getting ready to try corn. Lima beans are looking good this year.

St. Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Isolated showers and cool conditions are helping conditions, however large parts of the county remain dry.

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