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Crop Progress & Condition



Maryland
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Excellent Week for Field Work: Both Maryland and Delaware had 6 days suitable for field work. In Maryland corn is nearly all through the dough phase and corn is starting to be harvested for grain and silage. Peaches, sweet corn, and watermelon, are nearly all harvested in Maryland. In Delaware, cantaloupes, snap beans and sweet corn are almost completely harvested. Corn for grain and silage are just beginning to be harvested and farmers had just stated their fourth cutting of hay.

Temperatures for this week will range from the upper 70's to the lower 80's. Rain is not expected this week, which should be good for field work. Field activities should include cutting hay, harvesting fruits and vegetables, and planting cover crops.

MD Crop Progress (in %):

	September 14th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 rd Cutting	74	48	52
Apples Harvested	50	46	49
Cantaloupes Harvested	90	94	93
Corn Dough	98	100	100
Corn Dented	82	92	92
Corn Mature	52	65	65
Corn Harvested for Grain	5	11	18
Corn Harvested for Silage	21	80	77
Cucumbers Harvested	93	92	94
Lima Beans Harvested	63	79	75
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	81	100	100
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	42	70	65
Peaches Harvested	97	98	98
Potatoes Harvested	92	100	100
Snap Beans Harvested	84	95	95
Soybeans Fully Podded	86	n/a	n/a
Soybean Coloring	32	32	28
Dropping Leaves	8	9	10
Sweet Corn Harvested	95	93	93
Tomatoes Harvested	89	87	89
Watermelons Harvested	96	90	93

MD Moisture for Week Ending September 14th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	17%	83%	0%
Topsoil	1%	16%	78%	5%

MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	0	1	2	95	2
Corn	1	3	7	58	31
Pasture	1	5	16	55	23
Soybean	1	5	16	51	27

DE Crop Progress (in %):

	September 14th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	79	100	100
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	64	99	98
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	27	59	44
Apples Harvested	64	65	64
Cantaloupes Harvested	95	99	97
Corn Dough	90	100	100
Corn Dented	85	97	97
Corn Mature	56	75	75
Corn Harvested for Grain	8	22	22
Corn for Silages	25	78	71
Cucumbers Harvested	93	98	96
Lima Beans Harvested	89	99	94
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	94	100	100
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	67	81	83
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	7	15	14
Peaches Harvested	78	100	99
Potatoes Harvested	60	98	97
Snap Beans Harvested	95	98	94
Soybeans Setting Pods	94	91	95
Soybeans Fully Podded	58	n/a	n/a
Soybeans Coloring	12	7	16
Sweet Corn Harvested	95	97	97
Tomatoes Harvested	89	99	94

**DE Moisture for Week Ending September 14th, 2014
(100% total)**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	6%	46%	48%	0%
Topsoil	10%	28%	62%	0%

DE Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	2	5	24	63	6
Corn	3	5	24	56	12
Pasture	3	16	46	32	3
Soybean	3	12	26	48	11

Hay and Roughage Supplies

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	0%	7%	77%	16%
DE	0%	16%	78%	6%

September 14, 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	89	49	70	+2	0.15	1	27.54	+7.73	52	3213	+168	4850
	Beltsville	86	49	69	-2	0.26	3	26.99	+5.73	64	3122	+17	4755
	Brighton_Dam	85	48	67	-2	0.12	1	27.17	+5.21	55	2853	-27	4466
	Cumberland	84	43	66	-2	0.40	3	22.78	+4.04	69	2966	+130	4573
	Emmitsburg	85	44	66	-3	0.09	1	28.20	+6.27	63	2719	-154	4337
	Frostburg	79	40	61	-2	0.46	3	21.75	-0.31	72	2083	+139	3625
	Hagerstown_AP	84	46	67	-2	0.15	1	23.02	+3.56	57	3018	+149	4636
	Mechanicsville	85	51	69	-2	0.16	3	18.15	-4.28	60	3086	-58	4722
	Millers_4NE	83	45	66	-2	0.08	1	23.01	+2.43	71	2745	+16	4363
	Ocean_City_AP	83	57	72	+1	0.99	4	17.25	-4.86	44	3032	-214	4664
	Oxon_Hill	89	53	71	+2	0.29	1	25.14	+3.27	58	3300	+187	4946
	Patuxent_River	90	58	73	+1	0.57	3	21.18	+0.38	54	3334	-15	4979
	Reisterstown	84	48	66	-3	0.13	2	25.34	+4.71	70	2673	-320	4296
	Salisbury_AP	87	58	73	+3	0.72	3	15.88	-6.32	41	3567	+401	5218
	Savage_River_Da	76	43	63	-1	0.33	2	16.80	-3.70	56	2223	+107	3783
	Sharpsburg_5S	85	42	65	-3	0.11	3	27.23	+7.16	66	2677	+23	4272
	Sines_Deep_Cree	81	42	61	-2	0.59	4	27.83	+3.23	88	1946	-30	3470
Stevensville	82	44	69	-2	0.18	2	21.65	+0.29	62	3285	+117	4930	
Washington_DC_A	91	56	74	+3	0.23	1	23.24	+4.65	54	3872	+379	5535	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	88	51	70	-2	0.19	1	17.10	-5.56	51	3158	-115	4789
	Georgetown_AP	86	55	71	+2	0.31	2	20.99	-0.81	52	3316	+358	4958
	Wilmington_DE	86	49	70	+1	0.46	1	27.11	+6.31	51	3176	+155	4816

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

Corn harvest picking up steam, lack of precipitation recently will affect the soybean crop.

Sussex County, DE – John Timmons

Noticing early death of soybeans in spots/areas of fields.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Some thundershowers.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Farmers have started harvesting corn silage, and are expecting very good yields this year.

Soybean pods have not filled out yet and only a hint of turning is appearing in some fields. Corn is starting to turn.

Montgomery & Howard Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

Cooler temperatures moved in during the last reporting period, temperatures as low as 48 degrees F were reported. Peach harvest is complete and apples harvest is continuing. Soybeans are showing color. Some areas show double crop beans as short, and others are tall related to available moisture during the season. Silage harvest has not been hampered by wet weather to a great degree at this point. Corn is maturing quickly. Barley planting has moved forward without any problems. .25 inches of rain was recorded through much of the region during the last reporting period.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

Worcester County had a considerable amount of rain last week; temperatures are being to cool to the 50's at night.

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