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Crop Progress & Condition



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Excellent Week for Field Work: Delaware had 6.5 and Maryland had 7 days suitable for field work. In Maryland cucumber as well as cantaloupe, are nearly all harvested and soybean in mature stage. Barley just started to emerge in Maryland. In Delaware Corn is nearly all through dough and corn for grain continue harvesting and soy beans started coloring.

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

MD Moisture for Week Ending September 22th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1%	20%	79%	0%
Topsoil	1%	21%	75%	3%

MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	2	8	57	32
Pasture	2	7	27	56	8
Soybean	3	5	19	48	25

MD Crop Progress (in %):

	September 22nd	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	78	51	59
Alfalfa 5 th Cutting	10	n/a	n/a
Apples Harvested	57	56	59
Barley Planted	13	19	20
Cantaloupes Harvested	95	96	96
Corn Dented	92	96	96
Corn Mature	72	70	77
Corn Harvested for Grain	11	27	31
Corn Harvested for Silage	55	90	87
Cucumbers Harvested	97	95	96
Lima Beans Harvested	83	83	81
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	82	100	100
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	47	85	76
Other hay 4 th Cutting	10	7	10
Potatoes Harvested	97	100	100
Snap Beans Harvested	88	97	98
Soybeans Fully Podded	93	n/a	n/a
Soybean Coloring	54	46	47
Soybean Dropping Leaves	17	22	20
Soybean Mature	8	n/a	n/a
Tomatoes Harvested	93	91	92

DE Moisture for Week Ending September 22th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	6%	54%	40%	0%
Topsoil	13%	34%	54%	0%

DE Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	5	22	52	18
Pasture	4	17	46	31	2
Soybean	4	16	26	38	16

Hay and Roughage Supplies

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	0%	7%	77%	16%
DE	0%	6%	77%	17%

DE Crop Progress (in %):

	September 22nd	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	82	100	100
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	70	100	100
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	46	67	54
Apples Harvested	70	67	69
Corn Dough	96	100	100
Corn Dented	92	100	99
Corn Mature	70	88	87
Corn Harvested for Grain	18	39	37
Corn for Silages	43	88	82
Cucumbers Harvested	96	99	99
Lima Beans Harvested	75	69	82
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	97	100	100
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	89	96	91
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	19	26	26
Potatoes Harvested	62	100	100
Soybeans Setting Pods	96	96	98
Soybeans Fully Podded	74	100	100
Soybeans Coloring	32	32	39
Tomatoes Harvested	91	100	97

September 21, 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	51	64	-4	0.01	1	27.55	+6.79	53	3314	+151	5021
	Beltsville	80	50	64	-5	0.00	0	26.86	+4.55	62	3229	-1	4932
	Brighton_Dam	76	48	62	-5	0.00	0	27.17	+4.23	55	2937	-56	4620
	Cumberland	85	44	61	-4	0.00	0	22.78	+3.29	69	3047	+105	4724
	Emmitsburg	79	44	60	-6	0.00	0	28.20	+5.25	63	2792	-191	4480
	Frostburg	78	40	56	-4	0.00	0	21.75	-1.15	72	2131	+120	3743
	Hagerstown_AP	79	48	63	-3	0.00	0	23.02	+2.70	57	3111	+135	4799
	Mechanicsville	76	49	63	-6	0.18	1	18.33	-5.15	61	3177	-91	4883
	Millers_4NE	82	44	62	-4	0.01	1	23.02	+1.46	72	2830	-4	4518
	Ocean_City_AP	80	49	67	-3	0.07	2	17.37	-5.58	46	3149	-232	4851
	Oxon_Hill	81	53	66	-3	0.00	0	25.14	+2.26	58	3412	+174	5128
	Patuxent_River	79	53	67	-4	0.00	0	21.18	-0.53	54	3453	-36	5168
	Reisterstown	76	48	62	-5	0.03	1	25.37	+3.76	71	2757	-350	4450
	Salisbury_AP	81	51	69	0	0.07	2	15.95	-7.09	43	3699	+402	5420
	Savage_River_Da	78	34	57	-5	0.00	0	16.80	-4.54	56	2275	+82	3905
	Sharpsburg_5S	81	42	60	-5	0.00	0	27.23	+6.35	66	2747	-5	4412
	Sines_Deep_Cree	79	39	56	-5	0.05	1	27.82	+2.38	89	1988	-59	3582
Stevensville	79	42	64	-4	0.01	1	21.66	-0.70	63	3388	+96	5103	
Washington_DC_A	84	58	71	+1	0.00	0	23.24	+3.74	54	4018	+385	5751	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	78	50	65	-5	0.00	0	17.10	-6.63	51	3265	-143	4966
	Georgetown_AP	79	50	66	-3	0.05	1	21.04	-1.64	53	3428	+349	5140
	Wilmington_DE	78	47	64	-4	0.11	1	27.22	+5.44	52	3275	+135	4985

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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