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Excellent Week for Field Work: Delaware had 5.0 and Maryland had 6.0 days suitable for field work. In Maryland, snap beans have been nearly all harvested and corn has gone through the dented stage. Farmers have also begun harvesting soybeans, which is right on schedule with last year and the five year average. In Delaware, farmers have nearly finished harvesting their potatoes and just starting their fifth cutting of alfalfa and fourth cutting of other hay. In both states, there have been reports of corn not drying as quickly as needed.

Temperatures for this week will range from the low 70's to mid 60's. Showers are expected from Friday through Sunday this week. Field activities should include harvesting grains, and planting wheat and barley.

MD Moisture for Week Ending October 5th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1%	10%	89%	0%
Topsoil	1%	11%	88%	0%

MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	2	9	56	32
Pasture	2	9	22	44	23
Soybean	2	4	18	51	25

MD Crop Progress (in %):

	October 5th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	84	N/A*	78
Alfalfa 5 th Cutting	26	N/A*	n/a
Apples Harvested	67	N/A*	78
Barley Planted	36	N/A*	50
Corn Dented	98	N/A*	100
Corn Mature	88	N/A*	95
Corn Harvested for Grain	40	N/A*	54
Corn Harvested for Silage	90	N/A*	94
Lima Beans Harvested	89	N/A*	92
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	95	N/A*	n/a
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	60	N/A*	87
Other hay 4 th Cutting	15	N/A*	20
Snap Beans Harvested	97	N/A*	100
Soybean Coloring	90	N/A*	77
Soybean Dropping Leaves	54	N/A*	49
Soybean Mature	33	N/A*	n/a
Soybean Harvested	9	N/A*	8
Winter Wheat	21	N/A*	28

DE Moisture for Week Ending October 5th, 2014
(100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	6%	37%	57%	0%
Topsoil	8%	20%	72%	0%

DE Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	4	20	56	18
Pasture	4	14	41	36	5
Soybean	3	13	25	41	18

Hay and Roughage Supplies

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1%	17%	77%	5%
DE	0%	0%	58%	42%

DE Crop Progress (in %):

	October 5th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	62	N/A*	78
Alfalfa 5 th Cutting	5	N/A*	n/a
Apples Harvested	82	N/A*	82
Corn Dented	94	N/A*	100
Corn Mature	84	N/A*	97
Corn Harvested for Grain	46	N/A*	68
Corn for Silage	71	N/A*	97
Barley Planted	17	N/A*	30
Lima Beans Harvested	87	N/A*	93
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	29	N/A*	44
Potatoes Harvested	95	N/A*	n/a
Soybeans Fully Podded	82	N/A*	n/a
Soybeans Coloring	76	N/A*	81
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	60	N/A*	48
Soybeans Mature	28	N/A*	n/a
Tomatoes Harvested	92	N/A*	100

* Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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October 5, 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	81	36	65	+5	1.10	3	30.01	+7.55	58	3515	+175	5362
	Beltsville	81	38	65	+4	0.22	2	27.88	+3.65	67	3428	+10	5271
	Brighton_Dam	77	35	63	+3	0.65	2	28.69	+3.92	59	3104	-58	4927
	Cumberland	83	42	64	+5	0.25	2	23.03	+2.20	71	3238	+139	5055
	Emmitsburg	78	35	61	+2	1.22	3	30.30	+5.52	68	2948	-201	4776
	Frostburg	77	37	60	+6	0.35	3	22.14	-2.31	76	2264	+159	4010
	Hagerstown_AP	77	39	64	+4	0.60	2	24.23	+2.28	62	3299	+162	5127
	Mechanicsville	78	35	63	+2	0.20	3	19.08	-6.40	66	3354	-104	5200
	Millers_4NE	76	34	61	+2	1.39	2	25.20	+1.83	76	2994	+1	4818
	Ocean_City_AP	77	36	66	+3	0.10	1	19.60	-4.89	49	3374	-219	5216
	Oxon_Hill	80	39	65	+3	0.26	3	26.00	+1.31	63	3625	+192	5481
	Patuxent_River	78	37	65	+1	0.13	2	22.10	-1.25	58	3673	-42	5528
	Reisterstown	77	35	62	+1	0.71	3	27.42	+3.98	77	2921	-359	4754
	Salisbury_AP	83	38	68	+5	0.09	1	17.39	-7.32	46	3947	+447	5808
	Savage_River_Da	77	43	61	+6	0.48	2	17.32	-5.51	59	2411	+110	4180
	Sharpsburg_5S	78	33	62	+4	0.77	2	28.62	+6.06	70	2897	+2	4700
	Sines_Deep_Cree	74	38	57	+2	0.78	3	28.75	+1.80	93	2095	-54	3824
	Stevensville	80	50	66	+4	0.22	2	23.07	-1.15	68	3610	+128	5465
	Washington_DC_A	82	44	69	+6	0.17	3	24.12	+2.94	59	4288	+434	6161
Delaware	Dover_AFB	80	41	65	+2	0.26	3	20.20	-5.39	57	3467	-158	5308
	Georgetown_AP	82	39	66	+5	0.26	3	23.85	-0.42	58	3649	+381	5501
	Wilmington_DE	81	39	65	+5	0.63	3	29.02	+5.52	57	3483	+162	5333

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 is slow, drying in the field scattered frost reports over the weekend. Corn harvest seems behind normal - still a lot of corn out there.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Reports of corn not drying down quickly in the field.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Farmers are telling me corn silage harvest yields were greater than usual and they expect corn grain to be the same. The corn is very tall this year perhaps contributing to the greater silage yields but the grain yields are not proven yet.

Montgomery & Howard Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

1.25 inches of rain in Montgomery County, and 1.125 inches of rain in Howard County fell in two events during the reporting period. Corn grain harvest has been strong with yields good. Barley planted has emerged. Hay harvest was slowed somewhat during the last reporting period due to moisture. Cool temperatures are slowing double crop soybean progress. Pastures are maintaining where managed but need additional moisture. Apple harvest continues to move smoothly. Wheat for commodity harvest has not been planted yet. Cover crop and commodity barley has emerged.

St. Mary's County, MD – Ben Bale

Corn harvest is still progressing well. Most farmers have now switched to soybean harvest. Fall vegetable harvest is going well. Low soil moisture is slowing small grain planting. Many farmers are waiting for rain before planting. This will probably change as the planting window narrows.

Somerset County, MD – Jarrod Miller

Farmers are reporting beans maturing earlier than normal.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

Harvest is in full swing. Wonderful weather this past weekend.

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