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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Delaware had 5.0 and Maryland had 4.0 days suitable for field work. In both states, corn harvest continues to be slow compared to last year's average due to wet conditions in the fields. Soybeans are more than half way mature in Maryland and Delaware. Soybeans are also beginning to be harvested in Delaware. Barley has emerged in both states but is behind schedule according to last year and the 5-year average. Lima beans are almost fully harvested in both states and tomatoes are fully harvested in Delaware. Maryland has almost finished all corn for silage and corn for grain is nearly all mature.

Temperatures for this week will range from the low 50's to high 60's. More showers are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday with 80% chance; expect some morning frosting in some area of Delaware and Maryland. Field activities should continue to include harvesting corn and soybeans, and planting wheat and barley.

## MD Moisture for Week Ending October 19th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1%	6%	91%	2%
Topsoil	0%	7%	85%	8%

## MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	2	7	58	32
Pasture	2	4	32	40	22
Soybean	2	4	18	51	25

## MD Crop Progress (in %):

	October 19th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	85	91	90
Alfalfa 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	38	n/a	n/a
Apples Harvested	82	85	90
Barley Planted	65	81	79
Barley Emerged	12	61	26
Corn Mature	96	98	n/a
Corn Harvested for Grain	56	77	76
Corn Harvested for Silage	96	99	n/a
Lima Beans Harvested	97	92	97
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	64	98	93
Other hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	16	36	33
Soybean Coloring	94	89	93
Soybean Dropping Leaves	72	63	77
Soybean Mature	53	n/a	n/a
Soybean Harvested	23	28	28
Winter Wheat Planted	47	54	79
Winter Wheat Emerged	8	32	30

**DE Crop Progress (in %):**

	October 19th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	68	89	88
Alfalfa 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	12	n/a	n/a
Apples Harvested	89	90	92
Barley Planted	41	61	69
Barley Emerged	18	37	19
Corn for Grain	75	91	87
Corn for Silage	93	93	n/a
Lima Beans Harvested	95	93	83
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	49	51	55
Soybeans Fully Podded	95	n/a	n/a
Soybeans Coloring	91	84	94
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	79	76	85
Soybeans Mature	66	n/a	n/a
Soybeans Harvested	9	18	23
Tomatoes Harvested	98	100	n/a
Winter Wheat Planted	11	39	42

**DE Moisture for Week Ending October 19th, 2014**  
(100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	7	36	57	0
Topsoil	5	18	72	5

**DE Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	4	19	55	19
Pasture	3	16	43	33	5
Soybean	3	13	24	42	18

**Hay and Roughage Supplies**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	17	77	5
DE	0	0	68	32

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## October 19, 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	78	49	64	+9	1.27	2	32.25	+8.36	64	3673	+235	5660
	Beltsville	78	48	63	+8	1.41	4	30.27	+4.44	75	3572	+45	5555
	Brighton_Dam	75	47	61	+7	1.65	3	31.13	+4.80	66	3221	-33	5184
	Cumberland	75	44	59	+6	1.57	3	25.79	+3.78	77	3338	+155	5295
	Emmitsburg	76	44	60	+6	2.18	4	33.23	+6.91	75	3056	-187	5021
	Frostburg	69	35	53	+4	1.73	6	25.54	-0.31	86	2307	+156	4172
	Hagerstown_AP	77	44	62	+8	1.46	2	26.22	+2.73	67	3435	+207	5403
	Mechanicsville	77	49	63	+7	1.63	3	22.61	-4.65	73	3493	-78	5478
	Millers_4NE	75	44	59	+5	1.21	5	27.05	+2.14	85	3106	+18	5070
	Ocean_City_AP	75	48	66	+8	0.66	1	20.43	-5.60	53	3571	-158	5553
	Oxon_Hill	79	48	63	+7	1.31	3	28.05	+1.82	69	3777	+220	5773
	Patuxent_River	77	50	66	+8	0.68	3	23.43	-1.36	64	3883	+20	5878
	Reisterstown	74	42	60	+5	1.43	6	29.50	+4.38	86	3023	-362	4992
	Salisbury_AP	83	51	67	+11	0.86	2	18.86	-7.53	51	4166	+541	6167
	Savage_River_Da	71	40	55	+6	1.31	2	20.07	-4.00	64	2469	+116	4367
	Sharpsburg_5S	78	43	60	+8	2.06	4	31.32	+7.12	78	2997	+30	4937
	Sines_Deep_Cree	72	39	55	+6	1.82	6	32.77	+4.42	102	2142	-59	3999
	Stevensville	79	51	63	+8	2.02	3	25.84	+0.01	74	3779	+182	5774
	Washington_DC_A	82	51	67	+8	1.56	4	26.31	+3.68	66	4503	+506	6516
Delaware	Dover_AFB	78	50	65	+7	1.27	2	22.17	-4.88	62	3643	-124	5624
	Georgetown_AP	82	50	65	+9	0.86	3	25.61	-0.18	64	3845	+463	5837
	Wilmington_DE	78	48	65	+10	0.87	2	30.68	+5.78	62	3650	+225	5640

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

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Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Have had killing frosts over the weekend into this next week. Hopefully soybeans were done growing. Still seeing lots of standing grain corn in fields. Lima beans should be done by now.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Wet weather continues to slow harvest of corn and soybeans

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Last week was too wet to do much in the field. For corn grain the fields left had high moisture and the weather has not been conducive for drying. Last night we had our first hard frost.

Montgomery & Howard Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

1.5 to 2 inches of rain fell during the reporting period. Some of this rain was extremely heavy. Corn harvest was slowed. Soybean harvest is now progressing quickly where ground firmness allows. Frost occurred on Oct 20, stopping most vegetables. Pasture conditions are related directly to stocking rate in most areas. Barley is emerging well. Wheat planting is moving along strongly. Wheat is emerging quickly with the soil moisture and mild temperatures. Apple harvest is moving quickly.

St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Most farmers have switched to soybean harvest now. Vegetable harvest of main season summer crops will most likely come to an end this week, as we had a hard frost this morning.

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