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Excellent Week for Field Work: Both Delaware and Maryland had an average 5.0 days suitable for field work. In Maryland Peaches full bloom is behind schedule compare to last year, Strawberries is coming according to schedule and Potatoes planting is also behind in part due to wet condition. In Delaware's Green peas planting shows a good improvement compared to last week and last year percentage average planting, and Strawberry full bloom is behind as much as twice compared to last year. Peaches full bloom is coming along better than last year this time around. Temperatures for the region reached a high of 82 Fahrenheit degree in Oxon Hill, MD and a low of 30 Fahrenheit degree in Sharpsburg with the average temperatures in the high 50's for the region. Field activities for the week should include small grain planting, potatoes planting, and green peas.

MD Crop Progress as of April 19, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
GREEN PEAS PLANTED	20	16	20	61
PEACHES FULL BLOOM	12	<5	42	64
POTATOES PLANTED	9	6	25	60
STRAWBERRIES FULL BLOOM	11	0	13	38

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 19, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	4	70	26
Subsoil	0	4	79	17

MD Crop Conditions as of April 19, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	4	12	23	52	9
PASTURE & RANGE	1	9	29	45	16
WINTER WHEAT	2	4	25	64	5

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 19, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	8	10	43	39
Subsoil	5	8	53	34

DE Crop Conditions as of April 19, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	5	10	45	36	4
PASTURE & RANGE	5	14	48	29	4
WINTER WHEAT	5	7	46	39	3

DE Crop Progress as of April 19, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
GREEN PEAS PLANTED	49	26	35	65
POTATOES PLANTED	11	0	12	41
STRAWBERRIES FULL BLOOM	6	<5	12	45
PEACHES FULL BLOOM	29	<5	17	51
APPLES FULL BLOOM	15	N/A	6	33

April 19, 2015 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		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	42	61	+9	0.63	3	2.21	+0.34	10	133	+73	303
	Beltsville	79	39	59	+6	0.74	4	2.30	+0.26	11	115	+54	281
	Brighton_Dam	78	39	58	+7	0.46	3	1.87	-0.28	8	92	+41	250
	Cumberland	78	33	59	+6	0.62	4	1.67	-0.25	12	102	+47	286
	Emmitsburg	79	32	57	+5	0.38	3	0.90	-1.47	9	81	+26	247
	Frostburg	80	33	55	+10	0.83	3	2.25	-0.21	11	57	+55	203
	Hagerstown_AP	79	41	61	+10	0.26	3	1.03	-1.06	10	138	+96	312
	Mechanicsville	78	35	59	+4	1.34	3	2.16	-0.08	8	106	+18	276
	Millers_4NE	78	44	61	+9	0.39	3	1.02	-1.10	9	119	+74	288
	Ocean_City_AP	68	41	56	+1	2.58	2	3.16	+1.04	8	90	+4	248
	Oxon_Hill	82	45	62	+7	1.04	4	1.36	-0.60	11	136	+39	313
	Patuxent_River	75	42	59	+4	0.71	2	1.25	-0.79	9	132	+47	306
	Reisterstown	78	38	59	+7	0.36	4	0.90	-1.09	13	89	+29	246
	Salisbury_AP	78	37	60	+6	1.74	3	2.21	+0.01	9	138	+68	302
	Savage_River_Da	80	31	54	+7	0.74	4	2.28	+0.19	11	51	+42	203
	Sharpsburg_5S	79	30	57	+7	0.57	3	1.20	-0.84	10	91	+56	245
	Sines_Deep_Cree	80	38	55	+8	1.14	5	3.50	+1.00	13	55	+46	199
	Stevensville	78	44	60	+7	0.95	4	1.64	-0.44	11	108	+45	280
	Upper_Marlboro	79	42	60	+7	1.00	4	1.79	-0.24	11	114	+51	286
Washington_DC_A	84	52	66	+10	0.71	4	1.31	-0.42	10	209	+111	395	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	76	42	59	+5	0.83	4	1.83	-0.37	9	127	+52	298
	Georgetown_AP	77	40	60	+8	1.12	3	1.81	-0.41	8	140	+88	305
	Wilmington_DE	80	41	60	+8	0.39	3	1.55	-0.58	9	113	+67	272

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 T. Hudson III

Some warming at the end of the week. Seems to get halfway straight -then we are hit by rain again. Planting peas should be winding up by the end of the month. Small grain needs some sun to get going. Peach grower reported fewer blossoms this year due to extra cold winter.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Overall there is a delay in spring work and plant growth. Some reports of low water flow in springs and dryer than usual areas in some fields, however, other fields seems to be as wet as normal.

Harford County, MD - Patricia Hoopes

Early varieties of peaches are just starting to bloom. Strawberries have not started to bloom yet.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Temperatures continue to moderate during the last reporting period. Soil temperatures reaching 50 degrees F. Winter injury to fruit seems to be very low. Strawberries have not yet really started to come out of dormancy. Pastures where properly managed are looking very good as temperatures are allowing forages to start to grow. Timely moisture has helped all crops. Soils still are somewhat wet in many areas.

St Marys County, MD – Ben Beale

Corn planting is just getting underway and is behind schedule due to wet, cooler conditions. Small grains look good for the most part with farmers finishing Nitrogen applications. Barley is just beginning to head. Pasture and hay looks very good. Preparations for vegetable planting continue to move along, but wet weather is slowing plastic laying and field work.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

Heavy rains Friday and Sunday nights left very wet conditions in fields.