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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland had 5.0 days suitable for field work while Delaware had 6.0 days suitable for field work. Precipitation was minimal; in Maryland, there was 0.64 of an inch of rain while in Delaware, there was 0.49 of an inch of rain. In Maryland, lima beans and corn for silage are nearly harvested. Apples harvested is 5 percent higher than last year. Soybeans are starting to harvest, and is behind by 4 percent compared to last year. In Delaware, apple harvest is ahead 8 points compared to last year. The highest temperature reported was in Cumberland, Maryland at 83°F with a low of 39°F, and 81°F in Dover, Delaware with a low of 43°F with average of 60°F. Field work activities included apple harvesting, corn for silage, corn for grain, lima beans, barley, winter wheat, and soybeans.

MD Crop Progress as of October 11, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	77	70	72	80
BARLEY: PLANTED	60	37	48	60
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	95	89	92	95
CORN: MATURE	96	94	93	97
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	65	55	43	63
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	95	91	93	97
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	85	75	85	84
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	86	74	62	86
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	19	10	16	23
SOYBEANS: COLORING	95	90	91	87
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	81	72	57	60
SOYBEANS: MATURE	59	40	37	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	8	N/A	12	15
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	48	20	34	39

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 11, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	2	79	19
SUBSOIL	0	10	81	9

MD Crop Conditions as of October 11, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE & RANGE	1	15	34	30	20
SOYBEANS	1	7	23	53	16

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 11, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	6	61	32
SUBSOIL	3	9	72	16

DE Crop Conditions as of October 11, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE & RANGE	7	22	39	28	4
SOYBEANS	9	19	29	33	10

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of October 11, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	2	13	81	4
DE	2	7	65	26

DE Crop Progress as of October 11, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	93	88	85	87
BARLEY: PLANTED	45	24	29	46
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	87	72	54	79
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	93	75	63	77
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	78	55	31	49
SOYBEANS: COLORING	95	86	77	88
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	77	67	65	70
SOYBEANS: MATURE	59	37	41	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	5	N/A	6	11
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	25	13	5	24
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	9	N/A	<5	10

October 12, 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	79	40	61	+3	0.64	1	32.20	+9.11	70	3954	+564	5864
	Beltsville	79	41	59	+1	0.29	1	27.25	+2.30	70	3837	+364	5744
	Brighton_Dam	79	41	59	+2	0.29	1	28.77	+3.32	66	3442	+233	5336
	Cumberland	83	39	60	+4	0.39	2	25.55	+4.18	94	3484	+342	5396
	Emmitsburg	78	38	58	0	0.20	1	30.32	+4.87	70	3341	+144	5239
	Frostburg	73	39	55	+4	0.61	2	29.21	+4.16	91	2589	+459	4407
	Hagerstown_AP	82	42	60	+4	0.07	1	18.25	-4.36	67	3899	+716	5812
	Mechanicsville	77	39	59	-1	0.40	2	33.59	+7.33	73	3606	+92	5514
	Millers_4NE	77	38	59	+2	0.29	2	28.60	+4.57	71	3468	+428	5365
	Ocean_City_AP	76	44	61	0	0.25	1	24.43	-0.72	58	3772	+112	5665
	Oxon_Hill	78	43	61	+1	0.48	2	27.54	+2.17	70	4060	+566	5985
	Patuxent_River	83	42	63	+1	0.55	1	25.39	+1.40	64	4098	+311	6016
	Reisterstown	76	40	57	-3	0.38	1	32.43	+8.27	82	3419	+87	5304
	Salisbury_AP	80	42	61	+2	0.35	2	31.57	+6.14	66	3936	+374	5837
	Savage_River_Da	75	38	56	+3	0.33	1	28.02	+4.65	76	2705	+377	4547
	Sharpsburg_5S	78	37	57	+2	0.13	1	23.42	+0.14	64	3321	+388	5200
	Sines_Deep_Cree	73	38	54	+2	0.55	1	33.85	+6.30	102	2443	+267	4264
Stevensville	80	47	62	+3	0.57	1	29.92	+4.98	62	4090	+550	6006	
Upper_Marlboro	79	42	60	+2	0.30	1	28.73	+3.94	89	3852	+521	5765	
Washington_DC_A	79	47	63	+2	0.40	2	27.91	+6.08	68	4681	+757	6616	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	81	43	61	-2	0.17	1	27.23	+0.98	59	3928	+234	5840
	Georgetown_AP	81	40	60	+2	0.25	1	21.14	-3.79	62	3981	+656	5882
	Wilmington_DE	79	42	61	+2	0.49	1	27.55	+3.42	61	3912	+538	5809

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.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Soil moisture levels are good to a bit wet. Corn harvest continues and soybean harvest has just begun.

Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster

A dryer reporting period would improve field operations. Grain and soybean harvest continues well in the region. Apple harvest is going well with apples yielding well. Wheat planting has started also.

St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Harvest resumed this week. Soybean dried down quickly and are awaiting harvest.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

Dry weather but fields have not dried out from last week's storm.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Water from storms soaked in pretty quick because of how dry things were. Corn harvest winding up – but still a good bit of corn left standing. Some soybeans being harvested.