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Good Week for Field Work: Delaware and Maryland had 4.5 days suitable for field work. In Maryland Green Peas planting is behind schedule compare with Delaware. Most areas saw 3 days of precipitation last week. Field corn has not been planted yet in neither state.

Field activities as weather permits should continue to top dressing small grain and getting manure spread, and planting peas.

MD Crop Progress as of April 5, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Green Peas Planted	5	N/A	<5	14

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 5, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	0	71	29
Subsoil	0	0	88	12

MD Crop Conditions as of April 5, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	6	12	27	47	8
Pasture & Range	1	11	28	58	2
Winter Wheat	4	12	35	43	6

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	12	13	44	31
Subsoil	8	12	48	32

DE Crop Progress as of April 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Green Peas Planted	13	N/A	16	28

DE Crop Conditions as of April 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	3	7	51	36	3
Pasture & Range	5	12	44	30	9
Winter Wheat	4	7	49	38	2

April 5, 2015 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	70	31	51	+2	0.15	3	0.13	-0.40	2	25	+15	69
	Beltsville	70	24	48	-1	0.20	2	0.20	-0.36	2	15	+5	56
	Brighton_Dam	70	28	47	-2	0.42	3	0.17	-0.43	2	16	+7	51
	Cumberland	69	20	48	-1	0.39	4	0.37	-0.14	3	6	-4	52
	Emmitsburg	69	21	47	-2	0.22	3	0.22	-0.43	3	9	-1	51
	Frostburg	65	13	43	+2	0.48	4	0.44	-0.20	3	0	0	26
	Hagerstown_AP	72	32	51	+5	0.46	2	0.46	-0.09	2	22	+17	66
	Mechanicsville	73	23	49	-3	0.11	1	0.11	-0.53	1	17	0	57
	Millers_4NE	67	28	50	+3	0.27	4	0.23	-0.35	3	14	+7	55
	Ocean_City_AP	67	27	47	-5	0.35	3	0.26	-0.36	2	15	0	46
	Oxon_Hill	72	25	50	-2	0.22	3	0.21	-0.34	2	20	+1	66
	Patuxent_River	76	31	52	+1	0.06	2	0.06	-0.54	2	34	+19	76
	Reisterstown	70	19	48	0	0.15	3	0.15	-0.40	3	8	-2	46
	Salisbury_AP	75	29	49	-2	0.21	4	0.15	-0.48	2	26	+14	63
	Savage_River_Da	66	16	43	+1	0.42	3	0.36	-0.19	2	2	+2	30
	Sharpsburg_5S	72	15	46	-2	0.24	3	0.24	-0.31	3	13	+9	43
	Sines_Deep_Cree	69	10	41	-3	1.05	4	0.90	+0.25	3	2	+2	24
Stevensville	69	26	49	-1	0.15	3	0.13	-0.45	2	14	+4	58	
Upper_Marlboro	71	30	50	+1	0.24	3	0.20	-0.36	2	16	+6	58	
Washington_DC_A	74	40	56	+4	0.27	3	0.25	-0.23	2	41	+22	91	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	68	31	51	+1	0.16	3	0.13	-0.50	2	25	+11	70
	Georgetown_AP	74	30	50	+2	0.32	4	0.28	-0.36	2	28	+18	67
	Wilmington_DE	66	30	49	+1	0.25	2	0.25	-0.34	2	17	+10	54

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 III

Fields too wet to fertilize all areas. Some fertilizer is being flown on. Farmers are behind top dressing small grain and getting manure spread, and planting peas are way behind. Ground too cold for corn planting.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Small grain just beginning to show some growth. Conventional Strawberries are just breaking out of winter dormancy.

Harford County, MD - Patricia Hoopes

For the most part fields are still brown and only a touch of green. It was a very wet March delaying manure applications.

Howard County & Montgomery, MD - Charles Schuster

Pastures where well managed. Moisture and animal movement over pastures during the winter months have left many pastures in less than good condition. Extreme cold and a slow spring warm up have delayed forage species green up. Wheat is slow to come out of dormancy. Soil temperatures at 2 inches is 43 degrees F today. Soil moisture has delayed planting of many potatoes. Pea and potato plantings are going strong at this time.

Calvert County & Prince George, MD – Chris Dowell

For Prince George's and Calvert: Topdressing hay and small grain still behind. Some have done one pass and many have not gone over once. They were waiting for the rain to pass Friday and now there is rain for most of this week. Starting to plant some early sweet corn.

Somerset County, MD – Jarrod Miller

A wet and cool spring is slowing planting.