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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Delaware had 5 and Maryland had 6 days suitable for field work. Last week both states finished planting potatoes and green peas and Apple trees are nearly full bloom in Delaware. In Delaware soybeans planted ahead by 23 percent compare to last year and winter wheat nearly fully headed. In Maryland temperatures reached a high of 90 Fahrenheit degree in Oxon Hill and low 35 Fahrenheit degree. Field work activities included soybeans planting, tomatoes, watermelon, cucumber, and cantaloupes planting and early strawberries harvesting

## MD Crop Progress as of May 24, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: HEADED	97	86	88	97
BARLEY: COLORING	7	N/A	6	34
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	28	17	35	38
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	48	35	56	61
CORN: PLANTED	82	74	80	86
CORN: EMERGED	65	29	57	65
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	34	25	70	55
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	74	41	68	70
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	61	17	32	52
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	99	72	99	100
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	37	23	48	44
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	40	9	27	30
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	14	<5	5	11
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	6	N/A	16	31
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	51	38	72	65
TOMATOES: PLANTED	60	38	60	57
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	16	12	53	50
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	96	77	76	92

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 24, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	16	77	5
SUBSOIL	1	18	79	2

## MD Crop Conditions as of May 24, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	5	93	2
BARLEY	4	7	19	56	14
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	12	54	33
HAY, OTHER	1	8	17	50	24
PASTURE & RANGE	0	4	25	47	24
PEACHES	0	0	10	79	11
WINTER WHEAT	1	4	16	69	10

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 24, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	11	43	44	2
SUBSOIL	7	31	59	3

**DE Crop Conditions as of May 24, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	17	73	9
BARLEY	2	7	42	38	11
HAY, ALFALFA	1	4	18	60	17
HAY, OTHER	1	4	24	53	18
PASTURE & RANGE	4	7	46	36	7
PEACHES	2	6	23	64	5
WINTER WHEAT	2	9	43	40	6

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of May 24, 2015**

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	8	88	3
DE	9	22	67	2

**DE Crop Progress as of May 24, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	90	84	92	97
BARLEY: HEADED	88	86	95	97
BARLEY: COLORING	24	N/A	6	28
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	20	8	24	37
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	75	22	59	62
CORN: PLANTED	93	76	87	93
CORN: EMERGED	70	35	63	72
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	23	10	26	42
GREEN PEAS: PLANTED	95	94	99	98
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	71	43	46	73
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	63	13	43	72
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	96	93	99	100
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	34	17	27	50
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	33	10	27	39
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	9	0	6	16
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	7	N/A	8	40
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	54	15	65	70
TOMATOES: PLANTED	68	20	65	71
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	67	24	64	71
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	96	38	90	95

## May 25, 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	88	46	65	+2	1.89	2	6.41	+0.41	20	601	+189	1111
	Beltsville	87	46	65	+1	1.03	3	6.44	-0.42	22	567	+151	1074
	Brighton_Dam	86	43	64	0	1.69	3	7.44	+0.27	21	500	+119	995
	Cumberland	87	38	63	-1	0.18	3	5.55	-0.70	24	514	+121	1029
	Emmitsburg	88	42	63	-1	0.92	3	4.83	-2.44	19	473	+84	972
	Frostburg	81	36	57	-1	0.35	3	6.27	-1.43	26	332	+162	766
	Hagerstown_AP	89	44	65	+2	0.34	4	3.98	-2.60	22	618	+241	1131
	Mechanicsville	86	47	65	+1	1.86	3	7.63	+0.90	20	547	+63	1055
	Millers_4NE	86	42	64	+2	2.23	2	4.78	-1.98	17	560	+212	1059
	Ocean_City_AP	81	44	64	-3	1.03	2	5.72	-0.32	16	456	-50	949
	Oxon_Hill	90	50	68	+4	1.50	2	5.35	-0.92	19	645	+145	1170
	Patuxent_River	86	50	67	+1	0.75	2	4.98	-1.46	18	615	+112	1133
	Reisterstown	85	44	64	-2	1.89	3	5.66	-1.18	24	525	+105	1014
	Salisbury_AP	88	44	66	+1	1.33	2	5.53	-0.89	16	590	+148	1091
	Savage_River_Da	82	35	59	0	0.19	2	5.75	-0.93	21	339	+131	793
	Sharpsburg_5S	86	37	62	0	0.50	3	5.70	-0.78	21	481	+162	961
	Sines_Deep_Cree	77	35	56	-3	0.69	3	7.77	-0.05	26	304	+108	732
Stevensville	89	48	68	+4	0.79	3	6.37	-0.42	22	603	+166	1119	
Upper_Marlboro	88	47	66	+2	1.02	2	5.87	-0.74	22	575	+163	1088	
Washington_DC_A	92	52	70	+4	1.09	2	5.32	-0.42	18	816	+273	1351	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	84	49	65	-2	0.27	3	4.09	-2.69	19	565	+90	1077
	Georgetown_AP	87	46	65	+2	0.90	3	4.28	-2.19	16	597	+215	1098
	Wilmington_DE	86	46	64	0	1.31	3	5.98	-0.65	19	565	+185	1062

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.*

### **Kent County, DE – Helen Sureda**

Much needed rain was finally received last week. Barley & Wheat crops are looking good as well as the first cuttings of Alfalfa & other Hay varieties. Early planted soybeans are starting to be reported in the office as well.

### **Sussex County, DE Harry Hudson**

Corn planting should be winding up - got some rain last week, - but it's drying up fast. Soybeans are going in the ground now.

### **Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes**

Strawberries are setting fruit so it will not be long and fresh local berries will be available.

### **Howard County, MD – Chuck Schuster**

2.25 inches of rain fell this week. Temperatures also varied quite a bit with a high of 85 degrees one day and the following day only 52. Moisture held up progress of forage harvest, but was needed. Corn and soybean planting is mostly complete for most soils. Strawberries are starting to be harvested. Soil moisture was in the low range and the rain was really needed.

### **Montgomery County, MD – Chuck Schuster**

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### **Saint Marys County, MD – Ben Beale**

Showers widely scattered. Good drying for hay but rain is needed.