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Good Week for Field Work: Delaware and Maryland had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work. Last week our region received sporadic showers including thunderstorm mostly in late afternoon. In Maryland soybeans more than half planted, barley coloring looks better than last year by 44 percent, some farmers starting second hay cutting. In Delaware despite a sunny week, barley coloring 14 percent behind compare to last year. Field work activities included tomatoes, cucumber, watermelon and cantaloupes planting and cutting hay.

MD Crop Progress as of May 31, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	67	7	23	67
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	30	28	37	51
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	62	48	66	73
CORN: PLANTED	89	82	89	93
CORN: EMERGED	81	65	76	84
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	38	34	79	69
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	77	74	76	85
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	65	61	43	71
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	45	37	64	59
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	58	40	39	47
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	42	14	11	22
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	39	6	30	50
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	56	51	79	72
TOMATOES: PLANTED	68	60	67	73
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	53	16	66	69
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	20	N/A	10	30

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 31, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	34	61	5
SUBSOIL	2	22	76	0

MD Crop Conditions as of May 31, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	5	88	6
BARLEY	4	7	20	55	14
HAY, ALFALFA	0	2	11	56	31
HAY, OTHER	1	5	17	53	24
PASTURE & RANGE	0	3	18	55	24
PEACHES	0	1	10	80	9
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	17	69	10

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 31, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	23	56	20	1
SUBSOIL	11	42	45	2

DE Crop Conditions as of May 31, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	3	15	73	9
BARLEY	3	7	46	35	9
HAY, ALFALFA	1	4	18	60	17
HAY, OTHER	1	4	26	52	17
PASTURE & RANGE	4	11	45	35	5
PEACHES	2	6	23	64	5
WINTER WHEAT	2	11	40	41	6

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of May 31, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	7	88	4
DE	9	21	68	2

DE Crop Progress as of May 31, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	93	90	94	98
BARLEY: HEADED	94	88	80	96
BARLEY: COLORING	47	24	33	58
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	23	20	36	48
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	83	75	77	77
CORN: PLANTED	97	93	95	97
CORN: EMERGED	86	70	81	87
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	28	23	43	58
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	84	71	66	87
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	80	63	63	87
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	39	34	41	61
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	57	33	44	58
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	29	9	22	34
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	31	7	24	63
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	71	54	70	79
TOMATOES: PLANTED	78	68	76	81
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	84	67	82	83
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	18	N/A	13	24

May 31, 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	91	58	76	+10	0.00	0	6.41	-0.48	20	787	+258	1367
	Beltsville	87	56	75	+9	0.44	3	6.88	-0.99	25	741	+208	1318
	Brighton_Dam	86	45	72	+7	0.13	1	9.47	+1.25	23	653	+161	1218
	Cumberland	88	44	73	+7	0.51	4	6.56	-0.57	28	674	+170	1259
	Emmitsburg	86	44	71	+6	0.43	1	5.26	-3.06	20	625	+126	1194
	Frostburg	84	44	69	+9	0.98	4	7.25	-1.48	30	462	+222	966
	Hagerstown_AP	87	64	76	+11	1.14	2	5.12	-2.40	24	805	+314	1388
	Mechanicsville	86	58	74	+8	0.09	1	7.72	+0.01	21	717	+113	1295
	Millers_4NE	87	57	73	+9	0.02	1	4.80	-2.93	18	723	+271	1292
	Ocean_City_AP	78	64	70	+2	0.00	0	5.72	-1.16	16	598	-36	1161
	Oxon_Hill	89	58	76	+10	0.07	1	5.42	-1.82	20	831	+211	1426
	Patuxent_River	89	65	76	+8	0.00	0	4.98	-2.44	18	798	+166	1386
	Reisterstown	86	44	72	+6	0.02	1	5.68	-2.18	25	681	+144	1240
	Salisbury_AP	86	57	73	+7	0.00	0	5.53	-1.75	16	754	+193	1325
	Savage_River_Da	84	42	67	+7	1.70	4	7.95	+0.33	26	460	+175	984
	Sharpsburg_5S	87	46	72	+9	0.04	1	5.74	-1.68	22	639	+220	1189
	Sines_Deep_Cree	83	32	66	+7	1.13	3	8.90	-0.01	29	419	+151	917
Stevensville	88	60	75	+9	0.35	1	6.72	-1.04	23	782	+224	1368	
Upper_Marlboro	90	58	76	+10	0.05	2	5.92	-1.67	24	759	+233	1342	
Washington_DC_A	92	67	80	+11	0.01	1	5.33	-1.26	19	1027	+348	1632	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	90	63	76	+9	0.02	1	4.11	-3.65	20	750	+149	1332
	Georgetown_AP	89	59	75	+10	0.00	0	4.28	-3.07	16	776	+283	1347
	Wilmington_DE	87	62	75	+10	0.55	1	6.53	-1.01	20	744	+250	1311

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.

New Castle County, DE – Helen Sureda

Very dry conditions last week in New Castle County..... serious rain is need.

Sussex County, DE Harry Hudson

Getting very hot and dry. People running irrigation more than expected. Soybeans are going in, but slowed up by dry weather.

Sussex County, DE – John Timmons

Last week's lack of moisture will have a negative impact on wheat and barley yields.

Baltimore County, MD – Dave Martin

Thunderstorms Late evening provided much needed rain. Some corn fields show variations in germination due prior dry soils conditions.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

We have been having various amounts of rains. Some have been local showers so amounts vary depending on the location. Last night we received a good amount of rain and with the warmer temperatures things are popping. Alfalfa had been cut and the second crop is growing back quickly.

Howard and Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster

Strawberry harvest is going strong. Fruit looks good, and weather conditions have been favorable for harvest. Barley is fully colored at this time, Wheat is fully in head but no color noted yet. Soil moisture is low, and emergence of some seed has been slowed. Disease pressure in cucurbits has been moderate. Damp morning dews with cloud cover have promoted some disease related issues. Apples and peaches look very good. Forages are variable in height with moisture and slow starting spring being part of the reason.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Getting dry, widely scattered showers are alleviating shortage in some areas while other areas suffer.

Wicomico County, MD – Jarrod Miller

Some head scab observed.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

No rain showers received in Worcester County. Friday Wicomico County received a few showers on the west side of the county.