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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had 5 days and Delaware had 5.5 days suitable for field work. Highest registered temperature 92°F, lowest 49°F, average 77°F. Maximum total reported precipitation 2.16 inches in one single area. Farmer encountered same precipitations issues as last reporting period which delayed most crops harvesting & planting activities in the fields. Delaware & Maryland corn heights average higher than last year & five years average. Winter wheat and barley in mature stage nearly finish for both states.

MD Crop Progress as of July 12, 2015 (in percent)

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 12, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	5	72	22
SUBSOIL	0	6	78	16

MD Crop Conditions as of July 12, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	4	8	78	10
BARLEY	4	7	16	60	13
HAY, ALFALFA	1	1	14	53	31
HAY, OTHER	1	9	18	48	24
PASTURE & RANGE	0	3	16	52	29
PEACHES	0	1	11	65	23
WINTER WHEAT	1	5	22	62	10

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Barley: Mature	95	94	N/A	N/A
Barley: Harvested	92	85	95	99
Beans, Lima: Planted	63	58	63	85
Cantaloupes: Planted	94	87	N/A	N/A
Cantaloupes: Harvested	7	<5	11	15
Corn Average Height In (Inches)	71	N/A	62	N/A
Corn: Silking	61	45	49	54
Cucumbers: Planted	72	71	62	87
Cucumbers: Harvested	25	14	20	30
Green Peas: Harvested	73	46	96	99
Hay, Alfalfa: First Cutting	90	88	67	N/A
Hay, Alfalfa: Second Cutting	75	68	74	87
Hay, Other: Second Cutting	30	24	41	68
Peaches: Harvested	7	<5	9	14
Snap beans: Planted	72	71	92	95
Snap Beans: Harvested	17	10	40	26
Soybeans: Planted	94	92	95	97
Soybeans: Emerged	88	84	89	93
Sweet Corn: Harvested	11	<5	20	24
Tomatoes: Planted	87	85	98	N/A
Tomatoes: Harvested	12	6	20	17
Watermelons: Planted	85	81	N/A	N/A
Winter Wheat: Mature	95	88	97	N/A
Winter Wheat: Harvested	75	56	63	86

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 12, 2015
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	17	67	15
SUBSOIL	4	8	72	16

DE Crop Conditions as of July 12, 2015
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	27	64	8
BARLEY	3	15	43	30	9
HAY, ALFALFA	1	6	21	56	16
HAY, OTHER	2	6	21	58	13
PASTURE & RANGE	3	7	42	41	7
PEACHES	2	7	28	60	3
WINTER WHEAT	2	14	36	39	9

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of July 12, 2015
(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	8	85	6
DE	2	8	70	20

DE Crop Progress as of July 12, 2015
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Barley: Mature	96	94	81	N/A
Barley: Harvested	95	93	78	96
Beans, Lima: Planted	79	76	86	88
Corn: Silking	53	39	57	63
Corn Average Height In Inches	51	N/A	45	N/A
Cucumbers: Planted	75	71	86	88
Cucumbers: Harvested	12	10	16	29
Green Peas: Harvested	75	69	89	98
Hay, Alfalfa: Second Cutting	78	74	49	77
Hay, Other: Second Cutting	57	56	39	66
Snap Beans: Planted	81	78	88	93
Snap Beans: Harvested	26	23	14	31
Soybeans: Planted	94	90	95	96
Soybeans: Emerged	76	73	85	92
Soybeans: Blooming	10	N/A	11	20
Tomatoes: Planted	94	90	99	N/A
Winter Wheat: Mature	96	93	88	N/A
Winter Wheat: Harvested	69	29	74	90

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July 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	89	61	78	+2	0.74	4	21.32	+9.55	45	1839	+347	2839
	Beltsville	88	62	77	+1	1.53	6	20.14	+7.13	50	1782	+269	2779
	Brighton_Dam	88	60	77	+2	1.68	3	20.13	+6.51	44	1595	+187	2580
	Cumberland	90	61	75	+2	0.99	6	16.56	+5.01	56	1618	+223	2623
	Emmitsburg	86	62	75	0	1.76	6	18.22	+4.05	46	1540	+132	2529
	Frostburg	83	57	70	+2	1.98	6	18.54	+4.49	59	1168	+291	2092
	Hagerstown_AP	89	62	77	+3	0.16	4	11.92	-0.62	45	1823	+417	2826
	Mechanicsville	89	63	77	+1	1.02	5	19.96	+6.18	47	1700	+128	2698
	Millers_4NE	85	59	75	+2	1.35	5	14.24	+1.49	45	1646	+321	2635
	Ocean_City_AP	90	58	78	+2	0.20	4	11.89	+0.02	38	1634	-7	2617
	Oxon_Hill	88	66	78	+3	1.89	5	20.69	+8.08	46	1901	+328	2916
	Patuxent_River	91	64	79	+2	0.88	4	14.99	+2.38	43	1918	+262	2926
	Reisterstown	86	62	75	-2	2.16	7	19.57	+6.72	54	1570	+85	2549
	Salisbury_AP	90	61	78	+2	0.95	5	15.73	+3.25	42	1810	+264	2801
	Savage_River_Da	82	58	71	+3	1.17	5	19.52	+6.59	53	1217	+240	2161
	Sharpsburg_5S	88	57	75	+2	0.24	2	15.94	+3.11	43	1554	+274	2524
	Sines_Deep_Cree	81	49	69	+2	3.71	6	23.54	+7.99	59	1130	+221	2048
Stevensville	91	70	80	+3	1.43	2	18.54	+5.71	40	1884	+333	2890	
Upper_Marlboro	88	63	78	+2	1.59	6	18.43	+5.45	55	1798	+328	2801	
Washington_DC_A	92	70	83	+5	1.26	5	20.72	+9.61	44	2248	+493	3273	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	89	66	79	+2	0.44	3	14.76	+1.68	41	1797	+183	2799
	Georgetown_AP	90	63	79	+4	1.11	3	11.03	-0.82	40	1837	+412	2828
	Wilmington_DE	88	64	79	+3	0.41	3	19.73	+6.94	40	1773	+323	2760

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 – Dave Martin

Finally three nice days in a row.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Harvesting has been difficult because of showers and high humidity not allowing crops like wheat and hay to dry properly. We had a few days of sun so hopefully this will improve.

Howard County, MD – Charles Schuster

Peach harvest has started. Wet conditions continue to slow forage and wheat harvest. Disease pressure has been high with both powdery and downy mildew present. Currently corn and soybeans are thriving.

Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster

Peach harvest is in full swing. Wet weather continues to cause problems with forage and wheat harvest. Disease issues challenge

producers with Blight in nearby counties and powdery/downy mildew pressure very high. Corn and soybeans are growing well.

St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale

Continued rains have provided needed moisture for corn and soybean crops on well drained areas to continue in very good condition. Poorly drained areas will have crop loss. Many grain farmers are trying to get in the last of the wheat and finish planting double crop beans. Vegetable harvest of watermelon, lopes, and other main season summer crops started last week.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Scattered rains and heavy storms have made harvesting good quality dry a challenge this summer. It has also slowed wheat harvest. The wheat is also coming off wetter than desired so is either needing to be dried or sold to the mill with a price dock.