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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Maryland and Delaware had 6 days suitable for field work. In Delaware winter wheat and strawberries have been harvested. Corn heights, higher than last and five years' average and Snap beans planting finished in both states. Highest registered temperature 94°F, lowest 50°F, average 76°F. Maximum total reported precipitation 1.56 inches in one single area. Field activities included peach and potatoes and 3<sup>rd</sup> hay cutting.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 19, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	5	73	19
SUBSOIL	3	5	79	13

## MD Crop Conditions as of July 19, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	6	11	74	9
BARLEY	4	7	16	59	14
CHERRIES	0	7	5	75	13
CORN	2	5	9	66	18
HAY, ALFALFA	1	1	23	44	31
HAY, OTHER	2	7	35	48	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	2	28	40	29
PEACHES	0	1	18	64	17
SOYBEANS	0	1	11	71	17
WINTER WHEAT	1	5	27	64	3

## MD Crop Progress as of July 19, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Barley: Harvested	100	92	N/A	N/A
Beans, Lima: Planted	91	63	84	91
Cantaloupes: Planted	97	94	N/A	N/A
Cantaloupes: Harvested	17	7	17	25
Corn: Average Height (Inches)	83	71	72	N/A
Corn: Silking	76	61	76	77
Corn: Milking	8	N/A	26	N/A
Cucumbers: Planted	81	72	62	87
Cucumbers: Harvested	35	25	30	36
Green Peas: Harvested	97	73	96	99
Hay, Alfalfa: First Cutting	100	90	78	N/A
Hay, Alfalfa: Second Cutting	99	75	77	90
Hay, Other: Second Cutting	58	30	57	77
Peaches: Harvested	16	7	17	25
Potatoes: Harvested	16	<5	10	18
Snap beans: Planted	95	72	95	97
Snap Beans: Harvested	29	17	47	34
Soybeans: Planted	98	94	96	98
Soybeans: Emerged	94	88	96	96
Sweet Corn: Harvested	23	11	27	33
Tomatoes: Planted	99	87	100	N/A
Tomatoes: Harvested	23	12	26	25
Watermelons: Planted	100	85	100	N/A
Winter Wheat: Harvested	95	75	85	95

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 19, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	27	64	7
SUBSOIL	5	18	72	5

**DE Crop Conditions as of July 19, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	27	64	8
BARLEY	3	15	43	30	9
CHERRIES	3	7	20	67	3
CORN	1	11	20	60	8
HAY, ALFALFA	1	6	23	54	16
HAY, OTHER	2	6	24	55	13
PASTURE AND RANGE	3	6	41	41	9
PEACHES	2	7	28	59	4
SOYBEANS	0	0	11	82	7
WINTER WHEAT	2	13	35	41	9

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of July 19, 2015**  
(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	9	84	6
DE	2	8	69	21

**DE Crop Progress as of July 19, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	97	79	94	94
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	19	<5	15	23
CORN: SILKING	80	53	74	83
CORN: MILK	28	N/A	24	N/A
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: AVERAGE HEIGHT(IN.)	78	51	55	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	93	75	90	93
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	33	12	33	39
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	100	75	93	99
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	86	78	58	84
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	73	57	58	76
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	97	81	97	97
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	44	26	29	46
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	97	94	95	98
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	94	76	92	95
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	24	10	29	34
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	8	N/A	17	15
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	42	<5	44	36
TOMATOES: PLANTED	100	94	100	N/A
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	16	<5	17	21
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	25	<5	21	23
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED	97	69	90	97

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## July 19, 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	62	77	-1	0.13	2	21.45	+8.77	47	2027	+346	3097
	Beltsville	87	60	75	-3	0.97	6	21.11	+7.12	56	1957	+255	3024
	Brighton_Dam	86	59	74	-2	1.16	4	21.29	+6.76	48	1763	+178	2818
	Cumberland	94	56	75	0	0.71	3	17.27	+4.95	59	1792	+224	2867
	Emmitsburg	89	55	72	-4	1.47	4	19.69	+4.70	50	1693	+110	2752
	Frostburg	85	50	68	-1	1.23	6	19.77	+4.81	65	1299	+290	2293
	Hagerstown_AP	90	54	75	0	0.67	3	12.59	-0.67	48	2000	+416	3073
	Mechanicsville	83	62	73	-4	0.13	2	20.09	+5.28	49	1864	+103	2932
	Millers_4NE	91	55	73	-1	1.26	4	15.50	+1.91	49	1812	+319	2871
	Ocean_City_AP	87	64	76	-2	0.24	1	12.13	-0.75	39	1818	-12	2871
	Oxon_Hill	87	63	76	0	0.18	4	20.87	+7.35	50	2084	+329	3169
	Patuxent_River	86	64	77	-2	0.06	1	15.05	+1.60	44	2106	+253	3184
	Reisterstown	87	57	72	-4	0.47	3	20.04	+6.35	57	1727	+60	2776
	Salisbury_AP	87	60	76	-3	0.27	2	16.00	+2.49	44	1992	+252	3053
	Savage_River_Da	86	54	69	-1	0.63	3	20.15	+6.24	56	1352	+235	2366
	Sharpsburg_5S	89	51	72	-3	0.88	4	16.82	+3.08	47	1708	+260	2748
	Sines_Deep_Cree	88	53	69	+1	1.56	6	25.10	+8.35	65	1264	+226	2252
Stevensville	88	67	78	0	0.49	3	19.03	+5.29	43	2078	+331	3154	
Upper_Marlboro	87	62	75	-1	0.31	3	18.62	+4.66	57	1974	+322	3047	
Washington_DC_A	89	66	80	+2	0.08	3	20.80	+8.85	47	2460	+499	3555	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	87	62	76	-4	0.49	2	15.25	+1.24	43	1978	+168	3050
	Georgetown_AP	89	59	76	-1	0.14	2	11.17	-1.41	42	2017	+410	3078
	Wilmington_DE	87	61	76	-1	0.73	3	20.46	+6.69	43	1959	+320	3016

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 wet conditions in New Castle County, especially above the C&D canal.

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

Reports of vine crops having disease problems especially in low areas. Corn and soybeans good so far as long as rain keeps coming.

### **Sussex County, DE – John Timmons**

Late corn sprayed for Japanese beetle feeding on corn silk. Spotty rains during last week period. Most of Sussex County received one rain.

### **Howard and Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster**

Soils remain wet with adequate moisture at this time. Hotter temperatures with humidity are the driving force currently. Forage harvest for hay is moving along very well. Cherries harvest is complete, with strong blueberry and bramble harvest underway. Corn and soybeans have thrived with the moist conditions. Vegetables suffer with pressure from disease, more than normal for this time of the year. Tomato harvest is in full swing and sweet corn from local farms is available.

### **St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale**

Corn looks very good. Soybean on well drained land look good as well. Still some double crop beans that are being planted. Vegetable crops are in full swing harvest mode.

### **Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler**

Heat units coming which is good for the corn and maybe third cutting alfalfa can be made with higher quality.