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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** Maryland and Delaware had 6.5 days suitable for field work. Highest temperature 94°F, lowest 52°F average 77°F. Drier & humid conditions prevailed last week, some area saw a total of 2.84 inches of rain during a 4 day period. Most farmers were able to do much field work since last week's reporting period. Both states' potatoes and sweet corn harvest looking better than last year's percentage average. Maryland's apple harvest a bit behind. Field work activities included fruits and vegetable harvesting specially sweet corn, potatoes, cucumbers, peaches and cutting.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 2, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	8	12	68	12
SUBSOIL	9	9	73	9

## MD Crop Conditions as of August 2, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	6	10	74	10
CORN	1	3	10	55	31
PASTURE & RANGE	0	3	30	43	24
PEACHES	0	1	17	58	24
SOYBEANS	0	4	15	68	13

## MD Crop Progress as of August 2, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	30	15	32	27
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	36	31	36	45
CORN: MILK	71	43	61	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	30	20	27	39
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	90	88	79	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	92	84	N/A	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	58	48	40	51
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	50	39	66	54
HAY, OTHER: 2 <sup>nd</sup> CUTTING	67	66	68	86
HAY, OTHER: 3 <sup>rd</sup> CUTTING	11	8	<5	8
PEACHES: HARVESTED	46	31	35	54
POTATOES: HARVESTED	56	43	21	52
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	57	52	55	57
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	60	45	78	66
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	37	29	53	38
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	45	33	43	51
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	38	34	37	42
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	30	20	26	34

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 2, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	18	45	33	4
SUBSOIL	16	29	51	4

**DE Crop Conditions as of August 2, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	2	26	63	8
CORN	3	7	18	57	15
PASTURE & RANGE	3	7	38	45	7
PEACHES	2	8	23	64	3
SOYBEANS	3	9	17	58	13

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of August 2, 2015**  
(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	8	84	7
DE	2	8	65	25

**DE Crop Progress as of August 2, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	6	5	6	24
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	10	10	N/A	N/A
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	52	32	32	47
CORN: MILK	83	79	62	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	57	19	14	55
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	82	80	67	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	85	51	52	59
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	96	93	74	92
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	66	35	28	43
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	95	87	75	90
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	48	23	9	25
PEACHES: HARVESTED	49	16	19	51
POTATOES: HARVESTED	40	5	<5	48
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	76	62	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	71	64	57	62
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	43	41	39	37
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	5	N/A	0	N/A
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	70	47	65	57
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	50	31	39	41
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	65	43	32	46

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## August 2, 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	64	79	+3	1.55	3	23.00	+8.59	50	2432	+376	3642
	Beltsville	90	64	78	+2	0.56	4	20.40	+4.61	54	2352	+271	3559
	Brighton_Dam	89	62	76	+2	0.73	3	21.44	+5.09	49	2119	+179	3314
	Cumberland	93	54	76	+2	0.71	5	18.17	+4.26	67	2147	+229	3362
	Emmitsburg	90	58	76	+1	0.14	2	19.83	+3.30	52	2055	+118	3254
	Frostburg	84	57	72	+4	0.15	1	20.03	+3.29	68	1595	+320	2729
	Hagerstown_AP	93	63	80	+5	0.12	2	12.71	-1.95	50	2406	+465	3619
	Mechanicsville	88	64	77	+2	0.55	3	20.64	+3.92	52	2239	+101	3447
	Millers_4NE	87	58	75	+2	0.71	2	16.22	+1.08	52	2156	+327	3355
	Ocean_City_AP	92	63	78	+2	0.50	3	12.90	-2.23	44	2201	-9	3394
	Oxon_Hill	89	66	79	+3	0.57	3	21.44	+5.99	53	2492	+373	3717
	Patuxent_River	90	69	80	+2	0.79	3	15.84	+0.62	47	2515	+262	3733
	Reisterstown	87	63	76	-1	1.02	3	21.20	+5.83	62	2089	+58	3278
	Salisbury_AP	90	67	78	+2	2.84	4	20.05	+4.34	49	2385	+258	3586
	Savage_River_Da	89	57	73	+4	0.37	2	21.00	+5.28	60	1659	+262	2813
	Sharpsburg_5S	90	57	76	+3	0.40	2	17.22	+1.81	49	2058	+274	3238
	Sines_Deep_Cree	84	52	70	+2	0.29	2	25.96	+6.92	70	1529	+225	2657
	Stevensville	90	70	81	+4	0.68	4	19.71	+4.15	47	2511	+372	3727
	Upper_Marlboro	91	65	79	+4	0.34	3	19.11	+3.32	61	2376	+359	3589
Washington_DC_A	94	73	84	+6	1.47	3	22.27	+8.67	50	2933	+558	4168	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	90	66	79	+1	1.13	2	16.38	+0.41	45	2377	+173	3589
	Georgetown_AP	91	67	79	+4	1.18	4	13.01	-1.44	47	2422	+450	3623
	Wilmington_DE	90	64	79	+3	0.71	2	21.17	+5.52	45	2355	+338	3552

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**

Gets droughty - then a little rain comes. Heat wave came through last week.

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

Last Thursday we had a storm that delivered a downpour of about 1 inch in a short span of time.

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

Much higher temperatures and higher humidity control the weather and crop discussion overall. Soil moisture is declining, and this along with the higher temperatures are starting to show a slowing in pasture grass recovery. Corn and soybeans continue to grow and grow well. Vegetables are enjoying less pressure from prolonged wet periods but humidity is still pushing the mildews. Soybeans are still blooming in some areas.

### **Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores**

Hot temperatures in the 90's with high humidity have continued for 7-8 straight days.