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& Delaware

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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland had 6.5 days and Delaware had 6.5 days suitable for field work. The calculated average temperature for Maryland and Delaware last week was 73(°F), with a high of 92(°F) and a low of 47(°F). Hot and dry weather has been persistent over the last week. Watermelon harvested is approaching completion in Delaware. Both states are on the third and fourth cutting of alfalfa hay. Field work activities included harvesting crops and cutting hay.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 16, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	9	19	61	11
SUBSOIL	9	13	69	9

MD Crop Conditions as of August 16, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	6	10	72	11
CORN	1	3	14	55	27
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	5	35	38	22
PEACHES	0	1	17	58	24
SOYBEANS	1	4	19	63	13

MD Crop Progress as of August 16, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	14	13	19	24
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	38	35	36	42
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	52	47	53	65
CORN: MILK	89	86	88	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	66	44	53	76
CORN: DENTED	12	N/A	12	34
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	92	91	83	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	68	66	54	67
HAY, ALFALFA: 3 rd CUTTING	73	68	75	72
HAY, ALFALFA: 4 th CUTTING	22	<5	26	11
HAY, OTHER: 2 nd CUTTING	82	76	75	92
HAY, OTHER: 3 rd CUTTING	21	14	12	22
PEACHES: HARVESTED	78	69	51	71
POTATOES: HARVESTED	74	64	41	77
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	61	60	62	76
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	83	76	90	87
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	65	54	74	68
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODED	36	27	34	N/A
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	69	61	69	71
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	55	50	53	63
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	58	40	49	58

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 16, 2015
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	16	35	47	2
SUBSOIL	17	22	58	3

DE Crop Conditions as of August 16, 2015
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	2	27	62	8
CORN	2	7	19	56	16
PASTURE AND RANGE	3	6	39	45	7
PEACHES	2	7	25	63	3
SOYBEANS	4	8	20	58	10

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of August 16, 2015
(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	8	84	7
DE	3	11	61	25

DE Crop Progress as of August 16, 2015
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	11	9	18	33
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	12	11	15	51
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	83	71	71	74
CORN: MILK	89	84	94	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	78	69	66	83
CORN: DENTED	8	N/A	22	47
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	84	83	73	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	88	87	71	72
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	81	75	55	64
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	22	16	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	74	65	31	40
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	18	13	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: HARVESTED	71	61	40	73
POTATOES: HARVESTED	65	63	39	76
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	80	79	49	74
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	89	84	80	86
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	66	53	65	61
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	23	21	<5	N/A
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	88	82	72	82
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	79	66	66	66
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	92	84	69	76

August 16, 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	57	74	-1	0.50	3	24.04	+7.95	56	2786	+372	4136
	Beltsville	88	58	74	-3	0.54	3	21.43	+4.03	61	2698	+249	4045
	Brighton_Dam	87	54	72	-3	0.27	3	22.09	+4.04	55	2437	+158	3772
	Cumberland	92	54	73	-1	0.48	3	18.79	+3.24	72	2465	+213	3820
	Emmitsburg	89	54	72	-3	0.39	3	20.28	+2.21	57	2366	+89	3705
	Frostburg	85	49	67	-1	0.09	1	20.43	+1.97	73	1836	+306	3110
	Hagerstown_AP	91	59	75	+2	0.20	2	13.38	-2.71	54	2768	+488	4121
	Mechanicsville	84	56	72	-4	1.04	3	22.19	+3.72	58	2567	+70	3915
	Millers_4NE	90	54	73	-1	0.35	2	17.02	+0.26	56	2474	+317	3813
	Ocean_City_AP	83	59	72	-4	0.86	2	15.27	-2.37	47	2549	-25	3882
	Oxon_Hill	90	59	75	0	0.29	1	21.94	+4.42	56	2861	+388	4226
	Patuxent_River	85	57	74	-4	1.13	2	20.70	+3.67	52	2879	+240	4237
	Reisterstown	87	58	72	-4	0.28	2	21.56	+4.61	66	2412	+32	3741
	Salisbury_AP	86	59	73	-4	2.28	2	25.08	+7.03	53	2735	+237	4076
	Savage_River_Da	86	52	69	0	0.77	1	22.20	+4.93	63	1912	+245	3206
	Sharpsburg_5S	90	53	71	-2	0.11	1	17.57	+0.62	52	2367	+263	3687
	Sines_Deep_Cree	86	47	66	-3	0.74	3	27.10	+6.11	77	1751	+196	3019
Stevensville	87	61	75	-2	1.12	2	20.94	+3.57	50	2872	+361	4228	
Upper_Marlboro	88	59	74	-1	0.61	3	20.30	+2.77	68	2730	+362	4083	
Washington_DC_A	90	64	78	0	0.49	2	22.85	+7.71	54	3354	+580	4729	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	88	62	75	-3	0.96	2	17.37	-0.69	49	2744	+161	4096
	Georgetown_AP	86	59	73	-2	1.03	2	14.40	-2.57	51	2775	+451	4116
	Wilmington_DE	88	57	74	-2	0.69	2	22.07	+4.85	50	2712	+332	4049

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 – David Martin

Soil conditions are getting dry, water melon ripening is increasing after a slower than normal start.

Howard County, MD – Charles Schuster

Hotter dry weather has helped with forage harvest. Corn on poorer soils is showing dry conditions. BMSB are showing on field edges for soy beans. Peach harvest is strong.

Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster

Hotter dry weather has started to slow crop growth. Good dry weather has helped with forage harvest. Peaches and apples are looking very good. Pastures are showing wear from dryer weather and increased temperatures.

New Castle County, DE – Helen Sureda

New Castle has had one day of much needed rain and moderate temperatures are very conducive to crops.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Peach harvest seems light in numbers. Problems with watermelon fruit set this year due to too much rain. Corn and soybeans doing fine.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Hot and dry weather is persisting. Corn silage harvest has begun. Ears are dropping as well. Hay yield is suffering but quality is much improved from earlier cuttings. Good quality dry hay will be in short supply this winter.