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Fair Week for Field Work: Maryland and Delaware had an average of 3.0 days suitable for field work. Most of the days were rainy days. We received as low as 2.30 inches of rainfall and as much as 8.57 inches of rainfall. In Maryland, winter wheat planting is according to last year's average and lima beans harvest is nearly complete, while corn for grain is higher than last year and the 5-year average. Barley planted in Maryland is higher than Delaware and 3 points higher than last year. In Delaware, corn for silage harvested and soybeans fully podded are almost finished. Winter wheat planted is 10 points higher compared to last year's average. The highest reported temperature was 85°F and a low of 39°F with a high average of 69°F and a low of 54°F respectively. Field work activities included barley and winter wheat planting; and harvesting apples, lima beans, snap beans, corn for grain, and cutting hay.

MD Crop Progress as of October 4, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	70	60	66	74
BARLEY: PLANTED	37	31	34	44
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	89	81	89	92
CORN: MATURE	94	89	87	94
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	55	44	37	53
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	91	88	89	93
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	75	71	84	77
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	74	67	59	82
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	10	<5	14	18
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	95	82	96	99
SOYBEANS: COLORING	90	81	87	78
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	72	61	51	48
SOYBEANS: MATURE	40	32	31	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	20	<5	19	27

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 4, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	11	65	24
SUBSOIL	0	17	73	10

MD Crop Conditions as of October 4, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	1	3	14	56	26
PASTURE & RANGE	8	16	27	29	20
SOYBEANS	1	3	25	55	16

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 4, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	9	39	51
SUBSOIL	3	10	70	17

DE Crop Conditions as of October 4, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	4	9	15	56	16
PASTURE & RANGE	7	23	42	25	3
SOYBEANS	12	23	26	28	11

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of October 4, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	2	13	81	4
DE	0	3	70	27

DE Crop Progress as of October 4, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	88	77	82	82
BARLEY: PLANTED	24	12	16	26
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	72	65	44	68
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	96	91	69	92
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	75	68	62	70
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	55	48	29	42
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	99	91	81	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	86	70	75	80
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	67	52	58	49
SOYBEANS: MATURE	37	12	26	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	13	5	<5	16

October 4, 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	80	48	63	+2	4.76	6	31.56	+9.21	69	3877	+547	5717
	Beltsville	81	48	63	+1	4.90	5	26.96	+2.85	69	3769	+362	5606
	Brighton_Dam	78	47	62	+1	3.91	5	28.48	+3.83	65	3376	+223	5200
	Cumberland	76	43	60	-1	3.56	6	25.16	+4.42	92	3413	+323	5255
	Emmitsburg	77	46	61	0	5.41	5	30.12	+5.46	69	3285	+145	5113
	Frostburg	67	39	54	-2	4.68	6	28.60	+4.25	89	2549	+449	4302
	Hagerstown_AP	79	47	62	+2	2.30	6	18.18	-3.66	66	3824	+696	5667
	Mechanicsville	78	51	64	+2	8.57	5	33.19	+7.85	71	3544	+97	5382
	Millers_4NE	79	44	59	-2	4.85	6	28.31	+5.06	69	3403	+419	5230
	Ocean_City_AP	82	61	70	+7	5.50	5	24.18	-0.20	57	3693	+112	5516
	Oxon_Hill	81	49	63	+1	3.47	5	27.06	+2.49	68	3983	+561	5838
	Patuxent_River	84	54	68	+4	3.40	4	24.84	+1.60	63	4008	+306	5856
	Reisterstown	78	44	61	-1	6.32	6	32.05	+8.74	81	3369	+99	5184
	Salisbury_AP	85	57	69	+6	4.13	5	31.22	+6.63	64	3854	+366	5685
	Savage_River_Da	70	42	56	+1	4.06	5	27.69	+4.96	75	2661	+366	4437
	Sharpsburg_5S	80	45	60	+3	3.51	6	23.29	+0.85	63	3270	+383	5079
	Sines_Deep_Cree	70	43	57	+2	2.59	6	33.30	+6.45	101	2412	+268	4165
	Stevensville	82	50	64	+2	4.00	5	29.35	+5.25	61	4003	+532	5849
Upper_Marlboro	79	49	63	+2	4.38	6	28.43	+4.48	88	3781	+510	5624	
Washington_DC_A	83	50	65	+1	3.58	5	27.51	+6.44	66	4585	+744	6450	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	82	51	65	+1	4.95	5	27.06	+1.59	58	3852	+240	5694
	Georgetown_AP	83	54	67	+5	4.71	5	20.89	-3.27	61	3907	+650	5738
	Wilmington_DE	82	49	64	+3	3.42	5	27.06	+3.67	60	3836	+525	5663

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 – David Martin

Wet weather pattern halted all harvest for most of the week... the entire area received several inches of rain.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

The storm replenished the water system but the wind knocked down some of the corn in a Forest Hill field. I am not sure how extensive the damage is.

Howard County and Montgomery, MD – Charles Schuster

Rain fell throughout the region during the last reporting period. Two different events occurred that bring much needed rainfall into the region. The first event delivered from 1.1 inches to 3.75 depending on area, the other storm up to 4 inches of rain. Corn and soybean harvest has been stopped until the ground dries. No hay harvest occurred during this time. Apple harvest between events is going strong. Barley planting for the region is mostly completed. Soil temperatures slipped to the upper 50s.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Welcome rain won't help the 2015 crops but will help the winter cereals and the cover crops.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

No Eastern storm today, tomorrow with potential hurricane on Sunday and Monday. Winds and rains between the two storms expected to be over 5-6 inches.

New Castle County, DE – Helen Sureda

We are finally seeing some much needed rain in New Castle County.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

High winds blew down and lodged a good bit of what was standing corn. Sussex has a good bit of unharvested corn still. Farmers were trying to cut corn in the rain last week. Some soybeans that were burnt up by the month long drought were cut. Still seeing unharvested lima beans. Moisture available for planting small grain and cover crop now.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

North Easter brought 4-6 inches of rain as of Friday night. Wind and Rain is predicted through Sunday. Wind along coast will impact standing corn. Saturated soils will delay harvest of corn on most fields this coming week.