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Excellent Week for Field Work: Delaware and Maryland just like last week had an average 5.0 days suitable for field work. In Maryland Potatoes planting activity is behind schedule by 31 percent average compare to last year's percent average and Strawberries full Bloom improved by 10 percent compare to last week but still behind last year's by also 9 percent. In Delaware Apples Full Bloom progress shows 10 percent improvement compare to last year and 20 percent average improvement compare to last week and Potatoes planting activity had improved 16 percent average compare to last week but still behind schedule compare to last year.

Field activities for the week include corn planting, small grain, plating, potatoes planting & green peas planting.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 26, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	4	88	8
Subsoil	0	5	80	15

MD Crop Conditions as of April 26, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	4	12	23	52	9
Pasture and Range	1	9	28	44	18
Winter Wheat	1	4	20	69	6

MD Crop Progress as of April 26, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Apples Full Bloom	28	0	30	72
Green Peas Planted	29	20	39	74
Peaches Full Bloom	46	12	60	79
Potatoes Planted	10	9	41	72
Strawberries Full Bloom	21	11	28	52

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	7	8	44	41
Subsoil	5	8	52	35

DE Crop Conditions as of April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	5	10	44	36	5
Pasture and Range	4	11	50	30	5
Winter Wheat	5	8	44	39	4

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of April 26, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	22	74	3
DE	16	31	52	1

DE Crop Progress as of April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Apples Full Bloom	35	15	25	54
Green Peas Planted	67	49	40	75
Peaches Full Bloom	70	29	50	71
Potatoes Planted	27	11	16	56
Strawberries Full Bloom	16	6	25	61

April 26, 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	79	33	53	-4	1.79	4	4.00	+1.43	14	165	+64	395
	Beltsville	78	36	53	-4	1.96	4	4.26	+1.43	15	148	+46	374
	Brighton_Dam	77	33	52	-3	2.20	4	4.07	+1.08	12	123	+36	338
	Cumberland	78	36	52	-4	1.95	4	3.62	+0.93	16	130	+37	371
	Emmitsburg	77	33	51	-5	2.18	3	3.08	-0.20	12	108	+15	328
	Frostburg	72	29	45	-4	1.94	5	4.19	+0.78	16	67	+54	246
	Hagerstown_AP	78	36	53	-3	1.90	3	2.93	+0.03	13	169	+93	402
	Mechanicsville	79	36	55	-4	2.50	4	4.66	+1.65	12	150	+10	380
	Millers_4NE	76	31	51	-4	1.37	3	2.39	-0.56	12	148	+70	369
	Ocean_City_AP	68	34	52	-6	1.16	2	4.32	+1.50	10	117	-23	335
	Oxon_Hill	78	39	55	-3	1.83	3	3.19	+0.52	14	177	+25	422
	Patuxent_River	78	37	56	-3	2.34	3	3.59	+0.84	12	180	+42	420
	Reisterstown	77	34	51	-6	2.61	5	3.51	+0.72	18	117	+16	326
	Salisbury_AP	76	35	54	-3	1.52	2	3.73	+0.76	11	179	+64	404
	Savage_River_Da	73	34	48	-3	1.43	3	3.71	+0.81	14	65	+39	258
	Sharpsburg_5S	80	31	51	-4	2.20	4	3.40	+0.58	14	115	+51	321
	Sines_Deep_Cree	74	29	46	-4	2.21	4	5.71	+2.23	17	68	+43	248
Stevensville	79	40	55	-2	3.21	3	4.85	+1.99	14	152	+45	388	
Upper_Marlboro	78	36	54	-3	1.99	4	3.78	+0.98	15	150	+46	383	
Washington_DC_A	82	40	58	0	1.56	3	2.87	+0.50	13	267	+111	522	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	78	34	53	-5	1.44	2	3.27	+0.28	11	160	+36	393
	Georgetown_AP	77	33	54	-1	1.28	2	3.09	+0.10	10	180	+91	404
	Wilmington_DE	76	31	52	-3	2.59	3	4.14	+1.23	12	144	+63	361

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

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Sussex County, DE – Harry T. Hudson III

Spot frost hit Saturday morning which is not good for how much corn has come out of the ground. Tree fruit blossoms suffering from cold winter and cold spring. Need warm/dry weather to get going. Corn planting ground is too cold for corn to germinate. Farmers are holding back on planting. Wet sloppy field conditions holding everything up in low areas. Farmers still trying to spread manure and fertilizer and not being able to get on the fields. What peas are going to be planted are planted by now. Cow feed running low.

Anne Arundel County, MD – Dave Myers

Prevailing cool conditions have delayed forage development. Soil Moisture levels are adequate for planting.

Calvert and Prince George County, MD – Chris Dowell

Hay and small grains slowly growing. Vegetable crops being put in. Strawberries blooming with some small berries coming on. Corn planting finally started.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

For the most part cover crops are growing and greening up nicely and have been fertilized. The hay crops are growing and appears in good condition. Fruit trees were in bloom when the temperatures dipped but I don't believe the temperatures went low enough to cause extensive frost damage in our area.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Weather took a turn this week to a cooler side. The temperatures and moisture continue to slow wheat progress. Strawberries still remain slightly behind normal years with the cooler temperatures slowing blooms. Pasture conditions improve in areas where management is good. Soil temperatures still remain cool, with 8 a.m. this morning being at 52 degrees F.

Somerset County, MD – Jarrod Miller

Cool wet conditions are slowing planting.