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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Maryland and Delaware had an average of 6.3 days suitable for field work. The region experienced cooler and drier weather conditions this reporting period with topsoil and subsoil moisture at mostly adequate levels. Rainfall reached a maximum of 0.65 inches in Patuxent River, MD. Temperatures reached a high at 64°F in Georgetown, DE and a low at 21°F in Gaithersburg, MD. Winter wheat planted in Delaware is 10 percentage points ahead of Maryland and 8 percentage points behind last year. Soybeans harvested in Maryland is 2 percentage points ahead of Delaware and 14 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Field work activities included planting barley and winter wheat; and harvesting corn and soybeans.

## MD Crop Progress as of November 26, 2017 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: PLANTED	97	94	98	99
BARLEY: EMERGED	82	79	92	94
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	92	89	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	78	73	96	92
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	80	74	98	96
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	64	54	94	90

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 26, 2017 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	16	75	4
SUBSOIL	3	15	79	3

## MD Crop Conditions as of November 26, 2017 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	7	30	59	4
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	17	51	29

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 26, 2017**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	5	82	12
SUBSOIL	1	13	83	3

**DE Crop Conditions as of November 26, 2017**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	3	14	51	27	5
WINTER WHEAT	2	7	22	55	14

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of November 26, 2017**

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	4	89	6
DE	2	15	57	26

**DE Crop Progress as of November 26, 2017**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: EMERGED	84	81	92	96
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	76	67	97	93
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	90	82	98	96
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	80	70	88	86

## November 26, 2017 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
		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	62	25	42	-2	0.01	1	29.34	+1.14	81	4069	+410	6334
	CUMBERLAND 2	63	24	38	-4	0.03	1	28.32	+2.65	90	3661	-46	5851
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	60	23	40	-1	0.00	0	37.08	+7.18	94	3438	+259	5611
	FROSTBURG 2	55	23	37	-1	0.12	1	37.95	+7.71	101	2627	+240	4668
	GAITHERSBURG AP	59	21	42	-1	0.00	0	51.72	+17.99	90	3464	-114	5323
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	62	28	43	+1	0.00	0	25.29	-1.99	93	4071	+687	6322
	MECHANICSVILLE	63	25	42	-3	0.26	1	35.21	+4.17	77	3737	+226	5991
	MILLERS 4 NE	56	31	41	-1	0.51	1	28.72	-1.62	95	3562	+426	5756
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	61	25	43	-3	0.11	1	34.43	+6.66	70	3739	+100	5927
	OXON HILL	60	28	44	-2	0.04	1	30.32	-0.81	79	4344	+294	6628
	PATUXENT RIVER	61	27	44	-4	0.65	1	28.49	-3.06	75	4274	+226	6532
	REISTERSTOWN 2	61	27	42	-5	0.00	0	31.88	-2.41	91	4271	+369	6518
	SALISBURY WICOM	61	24	42	-4	0.62	1	40.57	+10.47	78	4209	+513	6501
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	57	25	37	-2	0.00	0	33.60	+5.64	80	2585	+41	4603
	SHARPSBURG 5 S	63	22	39	-2	0.00	0	30.86	+1.55	80	3386	+159	5547
	SINES DEEP CREE	63	25	39	-2	0.00	0	34.29	NA	50	3740	+400	5955
STEVENSVILLE	59	30	46	-1	0.03	1	15.66	NA	94	4526	+243	6826	
WASHINGTON DC A	61	32	46	-1	0.08	1	28.29	+0.94	71	4842	+638	7175	
Delaware	DOVER AFB	61	29	45	0	0.54	2	47.47	+14.37	139	4176	+463	6480
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	64	26	43	-3	0.63	1	33.12	+2.85	74	4377	+603	6683
	WILMINGTON NEW	60	26	41	-3	0.10	1	29.65	+0.13	79	4033	+401	6300

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

Effective with this release, the weather data source has been changed. The basic format of the data tables has not changed, but the data content will be based on newer historical datasets used for average calculations and changes in methodology subroutines for missing data.

## 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.*

### **Frederick County, MD – Matt Morris**

Dry conditions allowed soybean harvest to near completion. Cooler temps slowed any small grain growth.

### **Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster**

Seasonable temperatures have helped harvest and grain planting go well. Some moisture has slowed harvest in some locations but for many harvest is done. Pastures continue to look good as temperatures are continuing to be slightly above normal, with soils in this region showing temperatures in the mid 40 degrees F.

### **Kent County, DE – Lauren Huber**

Current field work consists of harvesting soybeans, cutting hay, and planting barley and winter wheat.

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

Wet, poor drying conditions has continue to slow soybean harvest. Currently farmers are being docked for quality issues.

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