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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period, while Delaware had an average of 6. Temperature and precipitation varied heavily across the reporting region. While most of Delaware received 2-3 days with rainfall, most of Maryland received 5-6 days. Temperatures reached a high of 97°F in Patuxent River, Maryland and a low of 45°F in Sines Deep Creek, Maryland. Fieldwork activities this week included barley and wheat harvesting, cutting of hay, fertilizing corn, and planting soybeans. Some reporters expressed a stagnation in progress of field work and increased disease concerns resulting from the ongoing precipitation.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	2	39	59
SUBSOIL	0	2	51	47

MD Crop Conditions as of June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	13	75	12
BARLEY	1	22	27	37	13
CORN	2	18	40	38	2
HAY, ALFALFA	1	19	42	32	6
HAY, OTHER	4	34	31	28	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	5	35	51	8
PEACHES	0	4	22	64	10
SOYBEANS	0	23	33	44	0
WINTER WHEAT	2	32	35	27	4

MD Crop Progress as of June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	93	82	94	N/A
BARLEY: MATURE	72	31	74	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	58	<5	67	48
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	91	80	84	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	94	77	88	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	98	69	93	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	28	10	57	49
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	90	62	83	N/A
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	68	58	69	81
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	51	38	60	66
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	95	78	76	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	75	62	85	87
TOMATOES: PLANTED	87	79	86	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	98	47	88	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	88	N/A	62	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	6	N/A	N/A	N/A

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 24, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	44	56
SUBSOIL	0	0	32	68

DE Crop Conditions as of June 24, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	2	5	19	69	5
BARLEY	6	29	35	22	8
CORN	4	15	35	30	16
HAY, ALFALFA	3	6	41	42	8
HAY, OTHER	2	7	45	40	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	8	27	56	7
PEACHES	2	9	16	70	3
SOYBEANS	4	14	28	40	14
WINTER WHEAT	4	30	28	26	12

DE Crop Progress as of June 24, 2018
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	98	88	75	N/A
BARLEY: MATURE	76	47	58	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	67	21	44	N/A
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	52	44	76	65
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	91	86	93	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	91	89	92	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	82	80	73	69
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	89	80	67	63
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	97	93	68	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	26	12	29	35
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	95	89	65	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	79	70	78	75
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	68	51	65	77
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	43	31	52	59
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	98	76	67	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	82	72	71	90
TOMATOES: PLANTED	93	84	94	N/A
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	92	88	89	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	100	92	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	98	87	84	91
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	92	N/A	66	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	15	N/A	N/A	N/A

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June 24, 2018 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

Notice please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Weather Data Tables may be discontinued for budget reasons. This includes the possibility of discontinuing the weather data narratives and graphics Please contact your local NASS Regional Field Office with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Crop Progress and Condition data will remain and be available.

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
		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	93	65	75	+1	0.38	6	18.01	+8.03	49	1323	+237	2109
	CUMBERLAND 2	95	63	75	+1	2.95	4	19.66	+9.65	43	1126	-20	1845
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	93	62	73	+2	1.08	5	17.40	+5.97	39	1044	+131	1766
	FREDERICK AP	93	63	72	-4	0.64	3	15.25	+4.74	19	1249	-6	2020
	FROSTBURG 2	86	58	69	+3	2.96	5	21.39	+9.34	47	856	+187	1523
	GAITHERSBURG AP	93	63	73	-1	0.64	6	11.94	+1.69	33	1240	+86	2008
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	93	63	74	+1	2.25	7	17.42	+6.49	52	1282	+256	2046
	MECHANICSVILLE	92	65	76	+3	1.82	5	20.83	+9.82	33	1146	+74	1888
	MILLERS 4 NE	90	61	74	+3	0.59	5	14.62	+3.95	37	1014	+92	1713
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	90	68	75	+2	0.62	4	22.34	+12.69	45	1122	+130	1897
	OXON HILL	93	65	77	+1	1.99	5	16.90	+5.71	36	1322	+68	2114
	PATUXENT RIVER	97	71	79	+3	1.86	6	20.80	+9.67	44	1599	+394	2422
	REISTERSTOWN 2	92	52	72	-1	0.89	4	16.05	+5.38	35	1024	-17	1734
	SALISBURY WICOM	91	68	75	+1	0.73	6	19.13	+8.96	46	1306	+236	2088
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	89	47	67	-1	2.64	4	18.11	+7.14	39	634	-88	1194
	SINES DEEP CREE	88	45	70	+4	1.45	2	10.31	-2.20	27	494	-132	922
	STEVENSVILLE 2S	95	66	79	+4	0.20	4	15.11	+2.76	33	1266	+132	2028
	WASHINGTON DC A	93	67	77	0	3.00	6	22.86	+12.79	43	1500	+190	2320
Delaware	DOVER AFB	92	66	76	+1	0.38	3	16.71	+5.37	37	1229	+57	2011
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	91	67	75	+1	1.43	5	18.48	+7.65	46	1315	+208	2116
	WILMINGTON NEW	91	62	75	+1	0.37	2	12.54	+1.99	44	1189	+126	1960

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.

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

Rain again during much of the reporting period. Little to no field work occurred. Wheat is rapidly declining in quality and corn that was planted early is beginning to get too tall to apply a second nitrogen application to.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Rain continues to fall and hold up agriculture in many ways. It has been very hard making good hay that is dry and has not been rained on. Barley harvest has started for the little that there is. It has been fair with test weight. No wheat has been harvested to date. Disease pressure is high in wheat, and farmers are anxious to get started. Pastures are getting cut up with the extra moisture in the soil. Bramble harvest has started.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

The local concern is, if there is still enough nitrogen in the soil after spring applications with the excessive rains.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

One week of dry weather and farmers are doing catch up on everything. Barley and wheat are coming off, and soybeans are going in. Putting fertilizer on corn finally - but there are reports of corn fields being destroyed and planted to other crop. Early processing vegetables are a disaster this year.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Farmers planting soybeans, harvesting small grain, sidedressing late corn



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