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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland and Delaware both had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work this reporting period. The region had hot and humid weather conditions, accompanied by minimal rainfall. Rainfall in Maryland reached a maximum of 2.50 inches in Mechanicsville, while Delaware received a maximum of only 0.53 inches in Wilmington. Temperatures reached a high of 90°F in Frederick (MD) and a low of 45°F in Sines Deep Creek (MD). Reporters in Delaware indicated some non-irrigated bean crops are suffering under drought conditions, but Maryland reporters are seeing good crop condition as the beans are setting pods. Field work activities included harvesting fruit and vegetable crops, cutting hay, spraying, and very preliminary harvesting of corn.

MD Crop Progress as of August 26, 2018 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	22	15	30	27
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	77	64	55	67
CORN: MILK	84	70	70	88
CORN: DOUGH	67	55	53	75
CORN: DENTED	24	11	36	40
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	90	89	100	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	71	58	74	76
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	95	91	97	95
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	66	42	77	79
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	87	52	100	94
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	29	9	25	35
PEACHES: HARVESTED	77	60	75	79
POTATOES: HARVESTED	61	30	43	73
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	72	67	66	70
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	82	60	74	88
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	67	41	60	75
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	38	9	30	34
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	72	50	58	73
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	82	56	44	63
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	52	42	51	64

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 26, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	27	7	64	2
SUBSOIL	22	9	69	0

MD Crop Conditions as of August 26, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	3	4	73	20
CORN	9	23	36	22	10
HAY, ALFALFA	1	3	29	60	7
HAY, OTHER	1	4	52	39	4
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	5	11	65	17
SOYBEANS	10	12	31	36	11

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 26, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	23	50	18	9
SUBSOIL	41	26	28	5

DE Crop Conditions as of August 26, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	2	20	72	5
CORN	7	25	35	25	8
HAY, ALFALFA	1	2	31	64	2
HAY, OTHER	1	6	30	62	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	3	15	31	49	2
SOYBEANS	7	22	36	23	12

DE Crop Progress as of August 26, 2018
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	43	30	34	37
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	45	35	41	39
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	89	66	84	84
CORN: MILK	97	92	100	97
CORN: DOUGH	70	41	86	88
CORN: DENTED	47	18	33	50
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	97	96	82	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	82	80	83	83
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	72	45	78	79
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	30	<5	<5	19
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	59	33	44	56
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	13	0	6	7
PEACHES: HARVESTED	95	88	78	77
POTATOES: HARVESTED	74	45	43	68
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	89	79	88	84
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	94	75	98	94
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	71	42	67	73
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODED	19	<5	5	14
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	84	74	82	85
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	87	60	65	75
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	87	76	82	86

August 26, 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	88	56	72	-2	1.03	2	21.62	+4.11	67	3356	+619	4802
	CUMBERLAND 2	82	54	71	-4	1.27	2	31.82	+14.97	71	2677	-122	4016
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	84	54	70	-2	2.03	3	34.53	+15.88	63	2605	+190	3958
	FREDERICK AP	90	55	71	-5	0.32	1	21.25	+3.23	32	2922	-74	4324
	FROSTBURG 2	77	51	65	-3	1.71	3	34.12	+14.33	75	2069	+235	3366
	GAITHERSBURG AP	89	55	72	-2	0.65	1	24.98	+8.00	64	2828	+20	4224
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	87	58	73	+1	1.00	1	30.00	+12.48	75	2957	+383	4351
	MECHANICSVILLE	81	58	71	-2	2.50	4	38.33	+18.94	54	2698	+62	4060
	MILLERS 4 NE	83	52	70	-2	2.00	3	40.03	+21.58	65	2446	+80	3734
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	88	56	73	-1	0.09	2	30.39	+12.53	66	2760	+165	4166
	OXON HILL	85	58	73	-3	2.35	2	30.25	+10.76	53	3056	+52	4478
	PATUXENT RIVER	88	60	76	0	0.92	2	31.64	+11.26	68	3441	+509	4894
	REISTERSTOWN 2	82	57	70	-3	2.01	3	36.57	+17.50	75	2578	-15	3918
	SALISBURY WICOM	85	56	73	-1	0.36	3	25.66	+6.56	69	2997	+290	4410
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	76	50	66	-2	1.07	2	26.39	+7.54	64	1704	-258	2812
	SINES DEEP CREE	80	45	66	0	1.00	2	18.89	-3.24	52	1367	-383	2296
	STEVENSVILLE 2S	85	63	75	-1	0.61	1	26.90	+3.56	51	3148	+334	4540
WASHINGTON DC A	88	63	76	-1	2.48	2	37.93	+20.88	64	3378	+235	4828	
Delaware	DOVER AFB	87	60	74	-2	0.14	2	24.15	+4.18	62	2961	+84	4373
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	88	56	74	-1	0.32	2	23.80	+4.86	68	3042	+276	4474
	WILMINGTON NEW	85	59	73	-2	0.53	2	26.07	+7.39	71	2906	+197	4307

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

Good weather during this reporting period allowed field work, especially forage harvest to be completed. Soybeans are starting to set pods and a lot of corn is starting to dent. Early corn harvest will likely begin within a few weeks.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Warm but drier conditions were found this reporting period. One rain event brought an additional 2 inches of moisture to the soil. Forage harvest for hay went well during this period. Corn is showing color as it ends its growing process. Soybeans look excellent. Pastures look better as they are not as wet at this time. Apple harvest is strong at this time.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Corn dried down a lot this past week. A few hundred acres of corn have been chopped this week.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

The rain has stopped - starting to get dry on soybeans and lima beans - at the point pods are filling out! We need some rain soon. Corn is pretty much made at this point - some reports of corn harvest in the Bridgeville area. Fruits and veggies winding down now - peaches are gone mostly.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

05% corn harvested. Spraying corn for morning glory weeds. More corn will be harvested this week. Soybeans not irrigated is being hurt by drought. Crops are currently in drought that do not have adequate irrigation.