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Fair/Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork while Delaware had an average of 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Precipitation in Maryland reached a maximum of 7.10 inches of rainfall, reported from Salisbury, while Delaware reached a maximum of 4.10 inches of rainfall, reported from Georgetown. Number of days of precipitation ranged from 2 to 6 across the region. The temperature high was 90°F in Cumberland (MD), while the low was 36°F in Sines Deep Creek (MD). While in some parts of the region conditions enabled many to proceed with corn harvest, in other parts corn fields went down due to wind and rain. In Maryland, multiple reporters commented on sprouting and disease issues in soybeans as a result of the ongoing wet conditions and expressed concerns for grain quality. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included harvest of apples, grain corn, and soybeans, preliminary winter wheat and barley planting, and cutting of hay.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 14, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	58	42
SUBSOIL	0	0	68	32

MD Crop Conditions as of October 14, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	0	18	42	35	5
HAY, ALFALFA	2	14	42	40	2
HAY, OTHER	1	4	65	27	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	6	20	68	4
SOYBEANS	11	18	26	36	9

MD Crop Progress as of October 14, 2018 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	76	69	79	78
BARLEY: PLANTED	35	N/A	26	56
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	53	24	40	57
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	84	61	86	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	65	50	88	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	64	63	81	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	18	17	49	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	86	67	61	86
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	58	35	52	68
SOYBEANS: MATURE	37	26	33	52
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	8	N/A	8	17
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	18	0	12	34

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 14, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	23	77
SUBSOIL	0	0	23	77

DE Crop Conditions as of October 14, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	39	53	8
HAY, OTHER	0	0	46	51	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	7	57	34	2
SOYBEANS	5	15	25	35	20

DE Crop Progress as of October 14, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	88	82	92	91
BARLEY: PLANTED	28	N/A	31	43
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	75	58	74	76
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	100	90	74	81
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	65	64	52	55
SOYBEANS: COLORING	89	81	94	89
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	75	71	83	74
SOYBEANS: MATURE	40	19	30	46
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	16	15	27	21

October 14, 2018 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

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		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	83	44	66	+9	0.86	3	32.74	+9.15	91	4478	+962	6415
	CUMBERLAND 2	90	43	66	+9	2.07	3	47.62	+25.90	93	3770	+199	5617
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	89	41	68	+13	0.65	3	51.47	+26.44	87	3630	+554	5472
	FREDERICK AP	84	43	65	+6	0.60	2	16.82	-6.95	39	4062	+204	5952
	FROSTBURG 2	84	37	61	+9	1.08	4	51.22	+25.86	107	2876	+554	4650
	GAITHERSBURG AP	84	41	65	+7	0.78	3	36.26	+13.56	98	3900	+312	5785
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	85	44	66	+9	0.69	3	39.99	+16.78	96	4060	+792	5944
	MECHANICSVILLE	88	41	67	+10	5.67	3	54.13	+28.19	78	3873	+513	5766
	MILLERS 4 NE	81	39	65	+9	0.45	4	52.16	+26.81	91	3622	+597	5478
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	81	43	67	+6	2.87	2	37.80	+14.72	80	3918	+476	5813
	OXON HILL	85	45	69	+10	2.47	4	40.35	+14.49	73	4219	+349	6130
	PATUXENT RIVER	86	50	69	+9	3.61	3	41.80	+14.69	86	4756	+926	6700
	REISTERSTOWN 2	86	41	67	+10	1.34	6	51.54	+26.02	113	3570	+240	5397
	SALISBURY WICOM	86	43	68	+9	7.10	3	38.66	+13.39	91	4198	+686	6100
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	84	40	62	+10	1.26	3	41.99	+18.09	90	2637	+150	4316
	SINES DEEP CREE	79	36	56	+6	0.90	3	39.40	+11.87	89	1976	-221	3324
STEVENSVILLE 2S	85	50	70	+9	3.69	5	37.93	+7.15	76	4400	+706	6304	
WASHINGTON DC A	85	48	69	+8	1.54	3	49.54	+26.78	85	4622	+544	6562	
Delaware	DOVER AFB	84	45	66	+6	2.67	4	38.13	+11.79	85	4115	+359	6017
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	87	45	69	+10	4.10	3	37.35	+12.05	91	4262	+668	6183
	WILMINGTON NEW	83	43	66	+8	1.19	4	34.35	+9.21	95	3990	+496	5880

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.

Calvert County, MD - Chris Dowell

Thursday's rain brought 5.0" to 6.5" of rain. Very little cover crop planted. Some corn went down due to rain and wind.

Frederick County, MD – Matt Morris

A drier reporting period than last week. This allowed corn harvest to progress along. Reports of sprouted cobs still coming in. Soybeans have mixed reports. Some fields have terrible quality beans while others are OK. Group 3 beans planted early seem to have the most reports of sprout or moldy beans.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

A somewhat dry week allowed a great deal of corn harvest. Soybeans progress is not as fast. Some cover crop and fall grain was planted. Soils remain somewhat wet. Little hay was harvested during the reporting period. Apple harvest progress was slowed somewhat.