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Poor Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork while Delaware had an average of 1.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Precipitation in Maryland reached a maximum of 3.18 inches of rainfall, reported from Ocean City, while Delaware reached a maximum of 2.38 inches of rainfall, reported from Dover. Number of days of precipitation ranged from 2 to 5 across the region. The temperature high was 66°F in Georgetown (DE), while the low was 18°F in Frostburg (MD). Some in the region experienced a snowfall. Continued rainfall and this severe weather has slowed or halted grain harvest and cover crop/commodity wheat planting for some. Some may not be able to plant wheat at this point. Pasture and range condition has reportedly degraded this week, with most now reporting a fair or worse condition. Fieldwork activities (when applicable) this reporting period included harvest of grain corn and soybeans, winter wheat and barley planting, and cutting of hay.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 18, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	16	84
SUBSOIL	0	0	26	74

MD Crop Conditions as of November 18, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	7	32	41	16	4

MD Crop Progress as of November 18, 2018 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: PLANTED	88	87	94	94
BARLEY: EMERGED	69	63	79	84
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	93	92	89	95
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	69	68	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	61	60	76	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	62	60	71	81
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	84	78	72	86
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	74	67	52	74

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 18, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	33	67
SUBSOIL	0	0	51	49

DE Crop Conditions as of November 18, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	20	63	11	4
SOYBEANS	9	13	31	43	4

DE Crop Progress as of November 18, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	87	86	89	83
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	37	36	65	74
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	96	76	68	67

November 18, 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	50	28	40	-7	2.53	4	40.45	+13.14	106	4570	+920	6732
	CUMBERLAND 2	47	22	36	-10	2.08	2	53.12	+28.30	108	3822	+122	5855
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	47	25	37	-7	1.86	4	58.87	+29.98	102	3670	+498	5699
	FREDERICK AP	48	30	38	-10	0.49	2	19.23	-7.84	49	4156	+140	6280
	FROSTBURG 2	42	18	30	-10	2.41	3	57.53	+28.30	126	2901	+515	4783
	GAITHERSBURG AP	49	27	38	-9	1.41	3	41.78	+15.14	111	3984	+258	6082
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	48	29	38	-7	1.78	4	45.77	+19.39	109	4142	+766	6246
	MECHANICSVILLE	52	28	40	-7	2.15	3	61.81	+31.74	93	3947	+450	6058
	MILLERS 4 NE	44	27	36	-8	2.44	3	59.42	+30.09	107	3682	+554	5722
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	64	29	46	-3	3.18	3	44.41	+17.39	96	4072	+446	6244
	OXON HILL	52	29	40	-8	2.17	4	48.44	+18.17	92	4320	+281	6486
	PATUXENT RIVER	57	30	42	-8	1.77	3	50.42	+19.70	101	4918	+887	7140
	REISTERSTOWN 2	45	26	36	-10	1.59	5	58.07	+28.66	135	3603	+149	5618
	SALISBURY WICOM	65	28	44	-4	1.39	3	43.48	+14.31	107	4342	+662	6502
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	42	23	33	-9	2.02	2	47.18	+20.05	103	2662	+118	4476
	SINES DEEP CREE	50	24	34	-6	2.16	4	44.83	+13.33	108	2004	-242	3471
	STEVENSVILLE 2S	50	31	41	-8	1.87	5	48.37	+12.50	92	4536	+672	6714
	WASHINGTON DC A	54	32	43	-7	2.14	4	56.75	+30.26	100	4774	+493	6993
Delaware	DOVER AFB	54	32	43	-7	2.38	3	45.58	+15.42	99	4254	+306	6420
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	66	29	46	-2	1.38	4	43.10	+13.70	106	4440	+682	6645
	WILMINGTON NEW	51	27	40	-7	2.32	4	41.30	+12.64	109	4071	+448	6184

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

Extremely wet conditions again have set harvest back. Around 5-7" of snow fell on 11/15 as well. This will delay harvest for at least another week or more. Small grains that have not yet been planted are likely not going to be planted at all. It remains to be seen how soybeans will take the heavy snow and ice that fell.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Moisture continues to slow harvest. With both rain and snow to report during the reporting period, this has made both harvest and planting difficult. Soil conditions are wet, and field conditions make it difficult to get harvest equipment across fields without damaging soil structure. Wheat is slow to germinate as soils are saturated with moisture and temperatures are cool to cold.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Soybean harvest at a standstill because of the wet weather, gummy vines, and sloppy field conditions. Wheat planting waiting on soybean harvest - farmers may end up not planting all intended wheat.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Hopefully Farmers can get into the field this Tuesday.