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This will be the last publication for the 2018 crop year. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and good luck next spring!

Fair/Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 3.0 days suitable for fieldwork while Delaware had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Large variation in days of precipitation resulted in very different field work reports from across the region. Precipitation in Maryland reached a maximum of 3.00 inches of rainfall, reported from Stevensville, while Delaware reached a maximum of 2.55 inches of rainfall, reported from Wilmington. Number of days of precipitation ranged from 1 to 4 across the region. The temperature high was 63°F in Frederick (MD), while the low was 16°F in Wilmington (DE). Reprieve from rainfall in Delaware allowed for an unprecedented increase in percent of soybeans harvested – 72% this week, up over 30 percentage points from last week's 37%. However, for some in Maryland continued rainfall further prevented grain harvest and cover crop/commodity wheat planting. Some may not be able to plant wheat at this point. Pasture and range condition continued to degrade in MD this week, with most now reporting a fair or worse condition, while DE saw improvement and a shift towards good condition. Fieldwork activities (where applicable) this reporting period included harvest of grain corn and soybeans, winter wheat and barley planting, and cutting of hay.

MD Crop Progress as of November 25, 2018 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: PLANTED	92	88	97	97
BARLEY: EMERGED	74	69	82	90
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	94	93	92	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	70	69	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	62	61	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	72	62	77	88
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	91	84	79	91
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	82	74	63	83

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 25, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	15	85
SUBSOIL	0	0	26	74

MD Crop Conditions as of November 25, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	16	27	37	15	5

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 25, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	26	74
SUBSOIL	0	0	42	58

DE Crop Progress as of November 25, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	88	87	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	72	37	75	88

DE Crop Conditions as of November 25, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	11	32	54	2
SOYBEANS	7	17	30	34	12

November 25, 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	61	24	40	-5	1.68	1	42.13	+14.04	107	4570	+912	6752
	CUMBERLAND 2	50	25	35	-8	0.62	3	53.74	+28.17	111	3822	+116	5856
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	54	23	35	-6	1.64	2	60.51	+30.73	104	3670	+490	5703
	FREDERICK AP	63	25	37	-8	0.80	1	20.03	-7.84	50	4156	+128	6302
	FROSTBURG 2	52	18	32	-6	0.56	3	58.09	+27.98	129	2901	+514	4785
	GAITHERSBURG AP	61	23	38	-7	1.42	2	43.20	+15.71	113	3984	+246	6100
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	59	24	38	-4	0.87	1	46.64	+19.48	110	4142	+758	6261
	MECHANICSVILLE	58	26	41	-4	1.45	1	63.26	+32.35	94	3947	+437	6071
	MILLERS 4 NE	57	18	37	-5	1.72	2	61.14	+30.93	109	3682	+546	5736
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	61	23	42	-4	1.37	1	45.78	+18.11	97	4072	+434	6278
	OXON HILL	61	25	39	-8	1.40	1	49.84	+18.83	93	4320	+271	6499
	PATUXENT RIVER	60	25	40	-7	1.65	1	52.07	+20.59	102	4918	+872	7163
	REISTERSTOWN 2	57	18	35	-8	1.68	1	59.75	+29.51	136	3603	+142	5622
	SALISBURY WICOM	60	23	42	-5	0.82	1	44.30	+14.32	108	4342	+648	6532
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	53	20	33	-6	0.65	3	47.83	+19.97	106	2662	+118	4478
	SINES DEEP CREE	50	18	34	-4	0.82	4	45.65	+13.22	112	2004	-242	3476
STEVENSVILLE 2S	59	23	41	-6	3.00	4	51.37	+15.01	96	4536	+666	6740	
WASHINGTON DC A	60	28	43	-5	1.42	1	58.17	+30.92	101	4774	+478	7026	
Delaware	DOVER AFB	59	17	40	-7	1.67	2	47.25	+16.25	101	4256	+294	6447
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	62	25	43	-4	1.50	1	44.60	+14.45	107	4442	+670	6680
	WILMINGTON NEW	59	16	38	-7	2.55	2	43.85	+14.43	111	4071	+440	6198

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

Another extremely wet reporting period. Harvest did not occur and no planting occurred. Pastures have turned to mud.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Cold temperatures occurred during the reporting period. Lows into the upper teens F were reported. Rain occurred at the end of the reporting period again slowing harvest which has also slowed wheat planting. 1.75 inches of rain fell at the end of the reporting period. Thanksgiving day many producers spent harvesting soybeans. Corn harvest moves, slowly as it is difficult with moving grain from the fields as the soil is very soft for trucks.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

One week of dry weather = probably record soybean harvest acreage in one week.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

1.5 to 2.0 inches of rain on Friday night and today (11/26) showers will delay soybean harvest until Thursday if there is no more rain this coming week. But now it's after thanksgiving so harvest delays due to poor weather is expected.