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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland and Delaware had an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Favorable weather conditions allowed farmers to proceed with field activities, some of which have seen delay this year resulting from precipitation. Both states are reporting soil moisture in adequate or surplus levels. Reporters noted that continued high soil moisture levels and cool soil temperatures are slowing progress of spring plantings. Winter wheat is greening up, though some portions of winter wheat crops have been damaged due to continued standing water. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included top dressing small grains, spreading of manure and fertilizer, spraying, ground prep, planting of vegetable crops, and very preliminary planting of grain crops.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 7, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	1	67	32
SUBSOIL	0	0	78	22

MD Crop Conditions as of April 7, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	71	22	3

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 7, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	54	46
SUBSOIL	0	0	42	58

DE Crop Conditions as of April 7, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
WINTER WHEAT	2	3	50	35	10

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

A somewhat drier period this week allowed for field preparations to continue. Many of the hay and pasture fields are in poor condition still from 2018.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Warmer weather predominated the reporting period. Moisture has still been an issue as fields are just drying out with additional moisture falling. Soil temperatures still remain somewhat cool for planting corn in this region. Wheat where it has not spent longer periods under water or in very wet soils looks good, but is still not showing much growth.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

The soil continues to be too moist to work with. Only some of the largest grain farmers have done any planting at all.

Kent County, MD – Nate Richards

Wheat is greening up

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Still had frost last week Farmers spreading manure/fertilizer - working ground getting ready to put in corn. Peas going in now. Some reports of peaches being advanced in bloom and hit by frost - still maybe okay.