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Good/Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork while Delaware had an average of 5.5 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. Winter wheat is greening up and tillering well, though some portions of winter wheat crops were damaged due to standing water early in the season. Corn plantings will reportedly pick up in the next week for most farmers as soil temperatures rise to needed thresholds. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included top dressing small grains, spreading of manure and fertilizer, spraying, ground prep, planting of vegetable crops, and preliminary planting of grain crops.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 14, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	6	71	23
SUBSOIL	0	0	87	13

MD Crop Conditions as of April 14, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	0	2	84	14	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	80	17	0

MD Crop Progress as of April 14, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: PLANTED	5	<5	0	N/A

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 14, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	45	55
SUBSOIL	0	0	33	67

DE Crop Conditions as of April 14, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	2	3	72	18	5
WINTER WHEAT	3	5	54	30	8

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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 nice, warm, rain free week meant a lot of field prep got done. Fertilizer applications on hay are moving right along as well. Rain is predicted this weekend, but as soon as the ground dries off corn planting will start.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

A warm fairly dry reporting period. Topsoil moisture decreased in many areas making soils tight and harder to work. Corn planting will start in next week for most farmers as soil temperatures have risen to needed thresholds. Wheat, where water did not lay for long periods of time, looks very good. It is tillering well. Wheat where moisture was obviously laying for extended periods looks poor.

Kent County, MD – Nate Richards

Wheat is greening up

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Some rain last - but it was generally drying. Working ground getting ruts out. No sign of frost last week. Pea planting wrapping up.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Spraying cover crops with burn down and applying pre-emergent corn herbicides, spreading manure, field work removing harvest ruts of 2018. The majority of corn planting will not be in full swing until the last week in April into the first week of May. Peas have planted this week and potatoes.