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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** Maryland had an average of 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period while Delaware had an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Most areas in the region received some precipitation during the week. Both states are reporting soil moisture in adequate or surplus levels. Winter wheat continues to green up and tiller well, though some portions of winter wheat crops were damaged due to standing water early in the season. Corn planting is in full swing and will continue as weather and soil temperatures allow in the next couple of weeks. Seeded vegetable planting is also taking place. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included spreading of manure and fertilizer, pesticide spraying, ground prep/repair, planting of hardy vegetable crops, planting of grain corn, and preliminary planting of soybeans.

### MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 28, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	6	56	38
SUBSOIL	0	2	71	27

### MD Crop Conditions as of April 28, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	0	1	84	15	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	80	17	1

### MD Crop Progress as of April 28, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	75	74	34	48
BARLEY: HEADED	29	<5	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	21	12	<5	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	74	73	55	58

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 28, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	63	37
SUBSOIL	0	0	48	52

**DE Crop Conditions as of April 28, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	1	4	46	44	5
WINTER WHEAT	1	1	47	44	7

**DE Crop Progress as of April 28, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	53	39	35	35
BARLEY: HEADED	65	36	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	19	<5	10	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	71	52	60	66
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	17	9	0	N/A

## 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 week of good weather allowed for corn planting to begin. Some soybeans were planted this week as well. Soil temperatures are still hovering in the high 50's.

### **Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster**

1.2 inches of rainfall during the reporting period. Warmer than normal temperatures are keeping the soil temperature in the 60 degree F range. Corn planting has progressed well, with soils drying out with the stiff winds that have occurred during the reporting period. Vegetable planting has begun with the softer vegetable that can still be affected by colder temperatures.

### **Kent County, MD – Nate Richards**

A bit of rain. No big differences from last week.

### **Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III**

High winds last week - but no tornadoes last week. Peas are done - corn going in - some soybeans planted also Rains - then a few days dry - then rains again - still sloppy field conditions. Did not note any frost last week.

### **Sussex County, DE - John Timmons**

Spraying and planting is underway for corn and seeded vegetables.