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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** Both Maryland and Delaware had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Most areas in the region received warmer temperatures, with limited precipitation and storming. Both states are reporting soil moisture in adequate or surplus levels. Weather conditions allowed for significant increases in barley and winter wheat heading this week. Corn planting has been in full swing and soybean planting is in the early stages. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included spreading of manure and fertilizer, pesticide spraying, ground prep, planting of hardy and tender vegetable crops, and planting of corn and soybean crops.

## MD Crop Progress as of May 5, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	76	75	70	67
BARLEY: HEADED	54	29	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	42	21	34	32
CORN: EMERGED	21	7	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	75	74	72	72
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	8	<5	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	23	<5	25	24

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 5, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	1	52	47
SUBSOIL	0	2	62	36

## MD Crop Conditions as of May 5, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	2	7	75	15	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	10	40	35	14
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	72	21	5

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 5, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	54	46
SUBSOIL	0	0	39	61

**DE Crop Conditions as of May 5, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	3	2	45	40	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	3	17	61	18
WINTER WHEAT	2	3	45	39	11

**DE Crop Progress as of May 5, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	54	53	71	57
BARLEY: HEADED	87	65	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	36	19	43	36
CORN: EMERGED	10	<5	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	72	71	83	78
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	46	17	<5	23

## 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**

This week brought warm weather and scattered storms. There was good progress in both corn and soybean planting. All barley headed this week.

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

Warmer than normal temperatures prevailed through the region. Several days with a stiff wind helped to keep the soil in condition to allow planting to progress well. A light frost occurred during the reporting period but little or no damage was noted. Damp conditions started towards the end of the reporting period. Corn planting is coming to a conclusion, and many have already started the process of planting soybeans. Pastures look good to excellent, and vegetable planting of the more tender crops has started.

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

Starting to shape up like last year for rainfall.