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Fair/Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period while 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. Both states have continued to report soil moisture in adequate or surplus levels. Weather conditions allowed for significant increases in barley and winter wheat heading this week – with heading being complete in parts of the reporting area. Corn crops also saw good progress in growth this week. Soybean planting is in full swing, with early plantings now emerging. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included spreading of manure and fertilizer, pesticide spraying, ground prep, planting of tender vegetable crops, and planting of corn and soybean crops.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 19, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	2	41	57
SUBSOIL	0	1	51	48

MD Crop Conditions as of May 19, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	1	1	59	38
BARLEY	2	5	57	33	3
HAY, ALFALFA	5	11	18	53	13
HAY, OTHER	6	8	19	59	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	10	30	47	11
PEACHES	0	0	15	67	18
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	72	24	1

MD Crop Progress as of May 19, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	86	77	90	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	87	83	77	N/A
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	36	16	23	26
CORN: PLANTED	71	65	66	69
CORN: EMERGED	58	42	41	39
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	22	<5	18	32
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	14	5	10	19
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	95	78	94	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	22	<5	49	28
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	31	18	26	17
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	72	68	92	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	43	22	41	37
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	95	85	64	75

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 19, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	60	40
SUBSOIL	0	0	41	59

DE Crop Conditions as of May 19, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	2	3	28	55	12
BARLEY	1	1	45	45	8
HAY, ALFALFA	1	1	23	64	11
HAY, OTHER	1	1	34	49	15
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	1	13	69	16
PEACHES	2	3	12	76	7
WINTER WHEAT	1	1	45	45	8

DE Crop Progress as of May 19, 2019
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	86	65	87	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	92	91	83	N/A
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	15	<5	14	12
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	25	6	30	39
CORN: PLANTED	73	46	81	77
CORN: EMERGED	46	22	39	44
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	23	<5	19	15
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	35	6	40	26
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	32	<5	30	21
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	92	86	94	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	25	6	17	20
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	25	8	23	17
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	44	15	70	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	26	14	22	40
TOMATOES: PLANTED	38	25	60	41
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	11	10	65	51
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	65	63	64	71

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 reporting period brought somewhat favorable conditions, but fields were still wet in many places. Very little grass and alfalfa hay has yet to be made. Almost all wheat had headed at this point.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Soils are drying out in some locations with the warmer and sunny weather. Rains have been isolated in general. Corn planting has progressed very well for most areas, and is near complete for most producers. Soybean planting is moving along very well. Strawberries are looking very good as is most fruit in the region. Pasture and hay forages are looking good and hay harvest is progressing well except for the pop up storms.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Finishing corn planting now. Still have flooded areas. Seeing soybeans emerging also now. Getting hot towards the end of the week.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Cool period early in week. 1.5 inches of rain early. Has been good planting spring and favorable weather, thank you God.