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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good/Excellent Week for Field Work:** Maryland had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period while Delaware had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Both states have continued to report soil moisture in mostly adequate or surplus levels. The reporting region received a wide range of precipitation levels, with some noting extreme weather conditions including hail and tornadoes. We are going into the start of barley and winter wheat crop harvests. Both corn and soybean plantings are now mostly complete. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included preliminary barley crop harvest, planting of tender vegetable crops, wrapping up plantings of corn and soybean crops, and blueberry/strawberry crop harvests.

## MD Crop Progress as of June 9, 2019 (in percent)

### MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 9, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	12	56	32
SUBSOIL	0	1	72	27

### MD Crop Conditions as of June 9, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	4	71	25
BARLEY	2	5	78	15	0
HAY, ALFALFA	0	4	31	49	16
HAY, OTHER	6	13	26	45	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	5	30	50	13
PEACHES	0	2	4	58	36
WINTER WHEAT	1	4	76	18	1

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	81	52	67	78
BARLEY: MATURE	31	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	96	91	71	81
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	79	66	57	74
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	71	55	46	61
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	82	56	52	58
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	56	35	30	38
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	65	38	68	60
TOMATOES: PLANTED	76	67	72	70
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	63	52	57	61
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	63	34	35	46

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 9, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	71	29
SUBSOIL	0	0	56	44

**DE Crop Conditions as of June 9, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	2	14	77	6
BARLEY	2	2	40	50	6
HAY, ALFALFA	1	2	21	66	10
HAY, OTHER	1	2	28	59	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	10	81	9
PEACHES	2	2	12	75	9
WINTER WHEAT	2	2	43	47	6

**DE Crop Progress as of June 9, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	100	89	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	56	34	75	58
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	58	40	35	40
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	74	64	84	86
CORN: PLANTED	97	85	96	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	81	67	85	88
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	70	57	71	53
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	72	52	82	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	77	48	77	73
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	71	60	68	59
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	62	40	40	53
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	40	17	25	32
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	100	89	95	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	76	47	69	54
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	71	42	61	73
TOMATOES: PLANTED	81	73	79	78
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	72	70	86	88
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	100	82	90	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	60	32	55	51

## 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 dry reporting period allowed for most all of the last corn acres to be planted. Soybean planting progress marched along as well. Barley should be ready to combine in the next week or two. Some wheat is starting to color. Small grain crops look good overall this year.

### **Howard County, MD – Charles Schuster**

Hail and a tornado came through the region during the reporting period. A barn/building was damaged, trees were taken down and some crop damage was noted. 1.0 inch of rain fell in the area during the reporting period. Hay harvest has been somewhat slow with very few dry days connected together to make a good crop. Corn is looking excellent. Wheat is showing good color.

### **Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster**

Hail came through the region during the reporting period. Damage to vegetables and fruit is noted in a path near Damascus MD and also near Dickerson, MD. Apples have blemishes which will affect pick your own and market status, but very few tears in the skin. Vegetables saw shredding of the leaves and vines in some cases. .75 inches of rain fell in the area during the reporting period. Hay harvest has been somewhat slow with very few dry days connected together to make a good crop. Corn is looking excellent.

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

Starting to cut Barley and wheat now between rains. Would say corn planting is about done - except for barley land.

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

Blueberry harvest occurring at present. Excellent planting of all crops this spring in our area.