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**Fair/Good Week for Field Work:** Maryland had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period while Delaware had an average of 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Both states have continued to report soil moisture in mostly adequate or surplus levels. Winter wheat and barley crop harvests have begun. Both corn and soybean plantings are now mostly complete. It has been an excellent planting season for grain crops, drastically ahead of last year's progress for this week. Wet conditions have caused a decline in hay crop conditions reported. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included preliminary barley and winter wheat crop harvest, planting of tender vegetable crops, wrapping up plantings of corn and soybean crops, and blueberry/strawberry crop harvests.

### MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 16, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	12	47	41
SUBSOIL	0	1	63	36

### MD Crop Conditions as of June 16, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	4	70	26
BARLEY	1	4	82	13	0
CORN	0	1	12	79	8
HAY, ALFALFA	0	7	40	40	13
HAY, OTHER	10	18	30	36	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	7	39	41	11
PEACHES	0	2	4	58	36
SOYBEANS	0	3	10	80	7
WINTER WHEAT	1	3	81	15	0

### MD Crop Progress as of June 16, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	98	81	81	N/A
BARLEY: MATURE	60	31	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	98	73	80	83
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	95	79	68	80
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	10	0	9	25
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	77	71	60	71
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	82	72	68	61
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	86	82	58	69
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	81	56	37	51
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	76	65	78	77
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	54	52	61	76
TOMATOES: PLANTED	81	76	79	79
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	85	63	62	72
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	74	63	46	65
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	22	0	N/A	N/A

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 16, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	62	38
SUBSOIL	0	0	56	44

**DE Crop Conditions as of June 16, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	2	13	74	10
BARLEY	2	2	40	49	7
CORN	1	1	12	74	12
HAY, ALFALFA	2	2	22	65	9
HAY, OTHER	1	1	33	53	12
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	1	5	89	5
PEACHES	2	2	11	76	9
SOYBEANS	0	1	7	82	10
WINTER WHEAT	1	2	44	47	6

**DE Crop Progress as of June 16, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	85	56	87	74
BARLEY: MATURE	65	N/A	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	26	N/A	N/A	N/A
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	67	58	43	53
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	84	74	86	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	95	81	88	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	79	70	79	62
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	51	N/A	75	43
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	85	72	92	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	5	0	10	12
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	85	77	88	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	85	71	70	67
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	78	62	50	64
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	60	40	30	42
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	84	76	75	65
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	81	71	71	80
TOMATOES: PLANTED	88	81	83	83
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	84	72	88	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	76	60	83	72
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	41	N/A	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	22	N/A	N/A	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**

Another good week for field activity due to little rain during the reporting period. Barley is very close to harvest moisture.

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

3 inches of moisture fell across the region during the reporting period. Some rain fell in heavy downpours. More wind damage was noted in some areas. Moisture patterns are making it difficult to harvest forages dry as hay. Some barley harvest has begun. Wheat and barley look good but are thinner than expected due to the wet soil when planted. Strawberry harvest is nearing the finish in some areas.

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

2.5 inches of moisture fell across the region during the reporting period. Some rain fell in heavy downpours. More wind damage was noted in some areas. Moisture patterns are making it difficult to harvest forages dry as hay. Some barley harvest has begun. Wheat and barley look good but are thinner than expected due to the wet soil when planted. Strawberry harvest is nearing the finish in some areas.

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

Bad year for hay crops because it rains before hay is cured. Corn is pretty much in the ground - except for DC Soybeans coming along - farmers seem to be ahead this year.