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**Fair/Good Week for Field Work:** According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Maryland, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 27, 2019. In Delaware, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Maryland's topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 19 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Delaware's topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 26 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 86 percent very short, 11 percent short, 3 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Pasture conditions for Maryland ranged from 2 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 52 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Pasture conditions for Delaware ranged from 5 percent very poor, 46 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 4 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 27, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	18	76	3
SUBSOIL	0	19	79	2

## MD Crop Conditions as of October 27, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	17	52	25	4
SOYBEANS	14	26	33	22	5
WINTER WHEAT	1	2	8	84	5

## MD Crop Progress as of October 27, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	92	86	95	92
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	95	90	82	80
SOYBEANS: MATURE	95	87	81	83
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	54	40	37	46
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	73	66	50	58
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	32	17	21	35

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 27, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	26	69	5
SUBSOIL	86	11	3	0

**DE Crop Conditions as of October 27, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	46	42	4	3
SOYBEANS	9	67	17	3	4
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	5	75	20

**DE Crop Progress as of October 27, 2019**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	95	87	90	93
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	98	92	95	N/A
SOYBEANS: MATURE	94	74	72	86
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	61	36	10	26
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	53	28	63	55
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	26	5	26	28

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**October 27, 2019 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary**

State	Station	Air Temperature Last Week					Precipitation				
		Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Delaware	NORTHERN										
	Wilmington New Castle Co Ap	68.7	48.9	58.79	53.4	5.39	1.73	2.0	1.01	4.4	1.23
	Extreme/Average	68.7	48.9	58.79	53.40	5.39	1.73	2	1.01	4.40	1.23
	SOUTHERN										
	Georgetown-Delaware Coastal Airport	70.7	51.4	61.07	55.11	5.96	0.39	3.0	-0.43	3.27	-0.09
	Extreme/Average	70.7	51.4	61.07	55.11	5.96	0.39	3	-0.43	3.27	-0.09
	STATE TOTAL	70.3	50.8	60.57	54.73	5.83	0.69	3	-0.11	3.52	0.20
Maryland	SOUTHEASTERN SHORE										
	Ocean City Municipal Ap	67.4	51.9	59.64	56.47	3.17	0.46	3.0	-0.41	6.17	3.18
	Salisbury-Wicomico Regional Airport	70.7	51.3	61.0	54.69	6.31	0.41	2.0	-0.35	3.69	0.54
	Extreme/Average	69.1	51.6	60.32	55.58	4.74	0.43	3	-0.38	4.93	1.86
	LOWER SOUTHERN										
	Mechanicsville 5 Ne	63.2	46.8	55.0	53.24	1.63	1.9	2.0	1.2	4.42	1.2
	Patuxent River Nas	69.9	54.1	62.0	56.54	5.46	0.96	2.0	0.26	4.51	1.62
	Extreme/Average	66.6	50.5	58.50	54.89	3.54	1.43	2	0.73	4.46	1.41
	UPPER SOUTHERN										
	Baltimore-Washington International Airport	69.0	49.7	59.36	53.4	5.96	2.0	3.0	1.28	4.89	1.86
	Oxon Hill	66.1	49.1	57.64	55.34	2.3	2.34	3.0	1.51	4.19	0.84
	National Arboretum Dc	66.6	49.6	58.07	55.8	2.27	2.61	3.0	1.74	4.43	1.08
	Extreme/Average	67.2	49.5	58.36	54.85	3.51	2.32	3	1.51	4.50	1.26
	NORTHEASTERN SHORE										
	Stevensville 2Sw	64.2	50.6	57.4	56.44	0.62	1.9	2.0	N/A	3.83	N/A
	Extreme/Average	64.2	50.6	57.40	56.44	0.62	1.90	2	N/A	3.83	N/A
	NORTHERN CENTRAL										
	Emmitsburg 2 Se	62.6	42.6	52.57	51.3	1.27	1.42	3.0	0.67	3.85	0.79
	Millers 4 Ne	65.9	46.9	56.36	51.6	4.76	2.31	5.0	1.54	4.71	1.26
	Reisterstown 2 Nw	62.6	46.4	54.5	N/A	N/A	1.71	4.0	N/A	3.51	N/A
	Extreme/Average	63.7	45.3	54.48	51.45	3.01	1.81	5	1.10	4.02	1.02
	APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN										
	Cumberland 2	63.9	43.3	53.57	53.29	0.29	1.87	3.0	1.29	3.44	1.13
	Frostburg 2	58.7	41.9	50.29	47.53	2.76	2.25	3.0	1.53	4.05	1.34
	Hagerstown Washington County Regional Ap	65.4	47.6	56.5	52.27	4.23	1.44	3.0	0.89	2.69	-0.03
	Extreme/Average	62.7	44.3	53.45	51.03	2.43	1.85	3	1.24	3.39	0.81
	ALLEGHENY PLATEAU										
	Savage River Dam	58.5	46.0	52.25	48.3	3.2	0.84	2.0	0.39	3.04	0.84
	Sines Deep Creek	62.8	36.8	49.8	N/A	N/A	0.5	1.0	N/A	1.95	N/A
	Extreme/Average	60.6	41.4	51.02	48.30	3.20	0.67	2	0.39	2.50	0.84
	STATE TOTAL	64.8	47.2	56.02	52.88	3.14	1.55	3	0.77	4.06	1.10

DFN = Departure from normal.

Weather summary provided by the Southern Regional Climate Center, <https://climdata.srcc.lsu.edu>.

## 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.*

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

Needed rain fell again during the reporting period. This is very helpful for cover crop and commodity grain germination. Warmer than normal temperatures continue to prevail in the region. Water tables are still below normal. Apple harvest is winding down with some still available in the fields. Corn harvest is nearly complete and soybean harvest is nearing completion.

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

Finally got rain - too late for the soybeans though. Now small grain is being planted - and maybe the cover crop can germinate.

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

Typical winter wheat plantings that farmers plant will be down. This is more due to weather.