



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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### Soybean Harvest Underway

For the week ending, October 4, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.2** days in Delaware and **6.3** days in Maryland. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. Harvest continues, improving from last week, but at a slower pace for a few farmers. In some areas, more rain was still needed; however, other areas waited for drier conditions to harvest crops. **Corn** and **Soybean** conditions were rated mostly good to excellent in Delaware and Maryland.

**Hay supplies** remained adequate to surplus in Delaware and Maryland had mostly adequate supplies. Harvest of **alfalfa hay** continued, with the fourth cutting nearing completion and the fifth cutting underway. Growers in both states were finishing the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay with 94 and 85 percent cut in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. So far, the fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was ahead of the five year average. **Other hay** reached 99 percent in Delaware and 82 percent in Maryland for third cutting and fourth cutting at 32 and 25 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvest made great progress last week, but remained behind the five year average. A few farmers commented that corn was not drying down fast enough. Corn harvest reached 32 percent in Delaware and 31 percent in Maryland. Over 87 percent of the crop reached maturity in both States. **Soybean** harvest in Delaware and Maryland was just getting started, with one and three percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting was ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 54 percent planted. **Winter wheat** planting is on schedule. **Apple** crop quality was rated as good and harvest continues in both States. Vegetable harvest was nearing completion. **Lima bean** and **snap bean** harvest is virtually finished. **Pasture** conditions were fair to good in both states, improving slightly from last week.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	85	67	76	78	94	83	67	69
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	22	7	13	8	2	0	0	6
Apples, harvested	81	74	79	77	75	65	39	62
Barley, planted	54	24	49	42	18	7	21	22
Corn, dent	100	96	100	98	100	97	100	100
Corn, mature	87	71	95	95	90	74	98	99
Corn, harvested for grain	31	15	61	54	32	22	59	64
Corn, harvested for silage	89	85	92	85	92	78	90	78
Lima Beans, harvested	87	83	86	78	89	81	85	76
Other Hay, third cutting	82	78	85	74	99	98	72	87
Other Hay, fourth cutting	25	21	38	36	32	29	6	24
Soybeans turning color	72	50	83	78	71	55	75	79
Soybeans dropping leaves	40	17	66	56	32	24	45	60
Winter Wheat, planted	17	13	13	19	0	0	3	4

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	6	92	2	2	6	14	75	3
Corn	2	6	22	46	24	4	12	25	49	10
Pasture	0	9	21	53	17	1	2	17	62	18
Soybeans	1	6	24	55	14	2	3	14	57	24

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2009**

Condition by Percent	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last	This	Last
	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
Very Short	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Short	12	6	9	7	1	0	3	2
Adequate	85	88	89	87	95	90	94	93
Surplus	3	5	2	4	4	10	3	5

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 2009**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		From	Normal				
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.15	36.42	4.97	77	44	61	-2
Frederick	0.30	35.54	5.28	75	44	59	1
Frostburg	0.54	31.89	-4.71	66	40	52	-4
Hagerstown	0.03	22.92	-6.63	78	50	62	2
Mechanicsville	0.12	32.59	-2.30	77	46	60	-3
Patuxent River	0.05	31.31	-1.42	82	50	64	2
Ocean City	0.19	37.74	2.71	82	48	68	5
Salisbury	0.28	31.05	-4.47	79	44	63	0
Sharpsburg	0.04	24.64	-5.62	76	42	58	0
Stevensville	0.04	33.08	0.52	78	52	64	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.12	29.99	0.22	80	50	65	-2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.04	37.32	2.65	79	44	63	-2
Georgetown	0.17	37.17	2.89	84	45	65	4
Wilmington	0.45	34.93	3.32	78	44	61	-2

<sup>1/</sup>Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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