Recent Rains Help Deficit Rainfall Totals

For the week ending, April 05, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were 4.0 days in Maryland and 5.0 days in Delaware. Recent rain during the week has replenished the soil moisture to adequate. One crop reporter on the Lower Eastern Shore reported “Farmers working ground for corn planting. Small grains have perked up from rain, fertilizer, and warm temps. Rainfall is okay so far, but the water table recharge is short for the winter.”

Hay supplies are adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. Vegetables are below 5 percent planted in both States. Potatoes are at 27 and 20 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. Fruit crops have begun blooming with peaches clearing the 5 percent mark in both States. Small grains are in good condition. Pasture conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

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CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2009

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2009
WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2009

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Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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