



Maryland & Delaware Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Rain Showers Perked Up Small Grains

For the week ending, April 12, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.0** days in Maryland and **5.0** days in Delaware. Cool temperatures and heavy rain towards the end of the week lends credence to the idea of a cool and wet spring. Soil moistures reported adequate in both States. One crop reporter in Western Maryland reported “*Welcome showers, soil moisture about right for planting corn which will start great guns next week when the sun returns.*”

Hay supplies were adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Green Pea** planting progressing well with 54 and 74 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. **Corn** planting has begun with 1 percent of the crop in the ground for Maryland and 2 percent for Delaware. **Potatoes** planting progressed with 47 and 37 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. **Fruit** crops continued to bloom with peaches clearing the 20 percent mark and strawberries exceeding 15 percent in both States. **Small grains** were in good condition, with relatively low levels of winter grain mites spotted in some fields. **Pasture** conditions were rated fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Corn, planted	1	0	3	4	2	1	4	4
Green Peas, planted	54	36	46	41	74	69	69	51
Peaches, bloomed	20	7	27	22	20	15	75	50
Potatoes, planted	47	27	67	47	37	20	64	44
Snap Beans, planted	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	5
Strawberries, bloomed	25	24	39	25	17	10	20	16
Sweet Corn, planted	5	3	19	11	1	1	3	5
Tomatoes, planted	6	5	12	13	0	0	0	0

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	6	24	46	24	1	3	13	77	6
Pasture	0	2	29	59	10	3	8	19	67	3
Winter Wheat	0	4	21	43	32	0	3	14	76	7

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 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	0	3	2	8	8	11	15
Short	11	23	23	45	28	27	41	46
Adequate	86	75	74	53	60	63	46	37
Surplus	3	2	0	0	4	2	2	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					Depart
	Total		Depart				from
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.06	7.71	-3.04	74	32	50	-2
Frederick	0.80	7.14	-2.52	68	31	48	2
Frostburg	0.61	8.15	-3.74	67	25	41	-4
Hagerstown	0.48	4.27	-5.20	68	33	50	2
Mechanicsville	0.62	7.63	-4.55	78	32	50	-3
Patuxent River	0.45	5.70	-5.04	79	35	52	-1
Ocean City	2.33	8.23	-4.85	68	39	54	3
Salisbury	2.20	5.30	-7.31	76	26	50	-3
Sharpsburg	0.86	6.34	-3.32	70	28	46	-1
Stevensville	1.93	7.77	-3.44	71	38	51	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.55	6.50	-3.16	75	36	52	-3
Delaware							
Dover	1.30	5.86	-5.66	74	33	51	-2
Georgetown	1.55	6.40	-5.85	78	32	52	2
Wilmington	0.80	6.50	-4.19	67	31	49	-1

^{1/}Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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