



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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### Field Activities Mired by Recent Rains

For the week ending, April 19, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.4** days in Maryland and **3.5** days in Delaware. Soil moistures reported adequate in both States. One crop reporter in Southern Maryland reported “*Wet cool weather has generally delayed season for all crops. Early season strawberries and vegetables are behind 1-2 weeks. Corn planting progress is very slow, with farmers becoming anxious to get the crop in. Wet weather has hampered most field operations.*”

**Hay supplies** were adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Green Pea** planting was slightly affected by recent rains with 59 and 79 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. **Corn** planting is in progress with 6 percent of the crop in the ground for Maryland and 5 percent for Delaware. Slug damage in no-till corn as a result of the recent cool weather and planting corn during the optimum planting window were main concerns. **Potato** planting progressed with 52 and 64 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. Despite some reports of frost damage to fruit crops, fruits continued to bloom with **peaches** clearing the 25 percent mark and **strawberries** exceeding 20 percent in both States. **Small grains** were in good condition, with **barley** and **winter wheat** 100 percent emerged in both States. Wheat virus symptoms and low levels of wheat rust have been reported in the Lower Eastern Shore. **Pasture** conditions were good in both states.

### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Apples, bloomed	4	0	26	16	22	0	40	34
Barley, emerged	100	0	43	13	100	100	44	35
Cantaloups, planted	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	0
Corn, planted	6	1	7	8	5	2	16	11
Cucumbers planted	0	0	9	9	0	0	1	1
Green Peas, planted	59	54	71	52	79	74	86	66
Peaches, bloomed	29	20	40	35	48	20	97	75
Potatoes, planted	52	47	78	55	64	37	76	59
Snap Beans, planted	9	0	9	4	2	1	2	8
Strawberries, bloomed	49	25	49	36	24	17	43	26
Sweet Corn, planted	13	5	22	15	3	1	10	12
Tomatoes, planted	14	6	14	20	1	0	1	1
Watermelons, planted	0	0	4	10	0	0	0	1

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	5	22	46	27	1	4	13	69	13
Pasture	0	1	15	67	17	3	7	17	72	1
Winter Wheat	0	5	21	38	36	1	4	15	63	17

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

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 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	0	3	0	8	1	11
Short	12	11	23	23	5	28	27	41
Adequate	69	86	65	74	85	60	65	46
Surplus	19	3	12	0	10	4	7	2

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2009**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
	Since Jan 1						
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	6.65	-3.40	28	76	32	53	5
Frederick	6.34	-2.56	34	68	31	50	6
Frostburg	7.54	-3.37	34	61	28	42	-1
Hagerstown	3.79	-4.91	25	68	32	53	6
Mechanicsville	7.01	-4.40	27	78	33	54	5
Patuxent River	5.25	-4.79	29	78	41	57	6
Ocean City	5.90	-6.41	25	79	38	57	8
Salisbury	3.10	-8.74	27	75	33	55	6
Sharpsburg	5.48	-3.42	28	69	27	50	6
Stevensville	5.84	-4.63	24	75	36	52	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	5.95	-3.10	26	76	38	56	5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	4.56	-6.15	24	76	33	53	4
Georgetown	4.85	-6.56	31	77	36	55	8
Wilmington	5.70	-4.22	29	74	32	53	6

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

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