



Maryland & Delaware Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Wet Field Conditions Hamper Corn Planting

For the week ending, April 26, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.8** days in Maryland and **2.8** days in Delaware. Soil moistures reported adequate in both States. One crop reporter on Lower Eastern Shore reported “*Very high heat at the end of the week – record breaking. Farmers were making use of the clear weather to get their corn in. Some complaints of flooded/sloppy field conditions now – with farmers worried about their corn crops being planted timely.*”

Hay supplies were short to adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Corn** planting progressed with 7 percent of the crop in the ground for Maryland and 9 percent for Delaware. **Potato** planting made good progress with 62 and 83 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. **Green Pea** planting is nearly complete with 75 and 84 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. Fruits continued to bloom with **peaches** clearing the 40 percent mark and **strawberries** exceeding 55 percent in both States. **Small grains** were in fair to good condition, with **barley** surpassing 20 percent headed in both States and **winter wheat** at 6 percent headed in Maryland. Some farmers with small grain fields are scouting for sawflies, armyworms, and aphids. **Pasture** conditions were good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Apples, bloomed	12	4	59	47	48	22	54	59
Barley, emerged	100	100	52	26	100	100	74	57
Corn, planted	7	6	23	21	9	5	42	25
Corn, emerged	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Green Peas, planted	75	59	83	69	84	79	90	78
Peaches, bloomed	40	29	86	67	87	48	100	87
Potatoes, planted	63	52	93	69	83	64	82	75
Strawberries, bloomed	57	49	71	58	66	24	60	38
Sweet Corn, planted	16	13	27	22	7	3	20	18
Winter Wheat, emerged	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Winter Wheat, headed	6	1	14	6	0	0	12	7

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	5	21	59	15	1	4	14	68	13
Pasture	0	1	16	66	17	1	6	20	70	3
Winter Wheat	0	5	28	56	11	1	3	16	67	13

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 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	0	0	0	0	1
Short	6	12	16	23	2	5	28	27
Adequate	78	69	77	65	85	85	68	65
Surplus	16	19	7	12	13	10	4	7

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Since Jan 1		Depart From Normal	High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
	Total						
	this Week	Total	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.60	10.77	-1.43	90	36	57	2
Frederick	1.43	9.44	-1.77	89	36	55	5
Frostburg	1.69	10.46	-3.49	86	34	51	3
Hagerstown	0.96	5.76	-5.27	93	40	58	5
Mechanicsville	1.42	10.81	-2.93	91	36	58	2
Patuxent River	0.80	7.93	-4.27	84	37	60	3
Ocean City	2.23	12.44	-2.06	90	41	62	7
Salisbury	0.99	7.35	-6.67	90	32	59	3
Sharpsburg	1.24	8.21	-3.00	93	34	55	4
Stevensville	1.02	10.61	-2.14	85	42	57	0
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.60	9.12	-1.79	87	43	60	2
Delaware							
Dover	1.12	9.27	-3.86	86	38	58	2
Georgetown	1.08	10.02	-3.78	93	37	60	6
Wilmington	1.06	8.72	-3.56	88	38	57	3

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

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