



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Excessive Rains Delay Field Work

For the week ending, May 10, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **1.6** days in Maryland and **1.8** days in Delaware. Soil moistures reported adequate in both States. One crop reporter in Western Maryland reported, *“We had a lot of rain this past week. It could take several days of dry weather before it is safe to get back on the fields.”*

Hay supplies were adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. Excessive rainfall hampered corn planting. **Corn** planting progressed slowly with 36 percent of the crop in the ground for Maryland and 29 percent for Delaware. **Potato** planting is virtually completed with 98 and 95 percent planted respectively in Maryland and Delaware. Fruit crops continued to bloom, with **apples** reaching over 57 percent and **peaches** reaching 99 percent in both states. **Strawberries** were heading into the main season with early harvesting beginning for a few operations. Early plantings of **sweet corn** and **snap beans** were in the ground. **Small grains** remain in good conditions. **Barley** reached 71 percent headed in Maryland and 45 percent in Delaware. Despite heavy rains, **winter wheat** jumped to 65 percent headed in Maryland, compared to 11 percent last week. **Pasture** conditions were rated good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, first cutting	6	1	20	18	2	1	23	17
Apples, bloomed	57	17	96	92	80	66	90	92
Barley, headed	71	54	0	0	45	42	1	0
Cantaloups, planted	11	8	32	31	5	2	10	19
Corn, planted	36	26	60	62	29	25	79	72
Corn, emerged	17	6	25	26	14	4	45	33
Cucumbers, planted	15	10	26	22	5	3	7	14
Green Peas, planted	95	90	93	79	93	89	100	86
Lima Beans, planted	24	11	14	20	5	1	1	3
Other Hay, first cutting	3	0	16	18	19	10	21	16
Peaches, bloomed	99	61	99	93	99	97	100	99
Potatoes, planted	98	79	99	99	95	94	98	95
Snap Beans, planted	18	17	21	20	13	7	21	32
Soybeans, planted	4	1	10	9	3	0	12	8
Strawberries, bloomed	77	70	85	87	96	91	76	83
Strawberries, harvested	3	1	9	5	9	5	8	4
Sweet Corn, planted	26	25	47	52	22	19	37	33
Tomatoes, planted	42	39	55	40	9	5	17	22
Watermelons, planted	17	12	43	32	10	4	19	23
Winter Wheat, headed	65	11	69	43	10	1	59	46

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	0	3	22	55	20	1	4	23	65	7
Pasture	0	2	11	62	25	2	4	17	73	4
Winter Wheat	0	1	19	55	25	1	4	23	65	7

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 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	0
Short	0	2	0	6	0	3	4	54
Adequate	66	78	82	84	83	80	88	39
Surplus	34	20	18	10	17	17	8	7

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		Total	From				
Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal	
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	3.68	14.76	0.97	84	51	62	2
Frederick	2.99	13.12	0.20	82	50	60	4
Frostburg	3.51	15.02	-1.04	74	45	54	1
Hagerstown	3.10	9.40	-3.37	83	53	63	5
Mechanicsville	3.08	14.23	-1.25	86	52	63	2
Patuxent River	2.72	10.98	-2.83	88	54	65	4
Ocean City	2.36	15.55	-0.47	92	56	66	6
Salisbury	1.57	9.23	-6.35	87	51	63	4
Sharpsburg	2.92	11.57	-1.35	82	48	59	3
Stevensville	3.51	14.21	-0.23	84	50	61	0
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	3.10	12.45	0	86	52	62	-2
Delaware							
Dover	2.24	11.59	-3.28	85	52	62	1
Georgetown	2.04	12.90	-2.48	88	51	62	4
Wilmington	2.71	11.82	-2.15	83	51	61	2

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

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