



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Hot and Humid Field Conditions

For the week ending, August 16, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.5** days in Delaware and **6.5** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported mostly adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. One crop reporter from Western Maryland commented “*Hot and humid. Corn silage harvest on the horizon.*” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good conditions.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in both States, with Delaware reaching 35 percent in surplus. Hay harvest continued to progress steadily in both States, with Maryland surpassing 25 percent and Delaware surpassing 20 percent in the third cutting. Both states are over 90 percent in completion of the second cutting. **Corn** dough is at 65 percent in Delaware and 80 percent in Maryland, with both States at 20 percent dent. Heavy fall armyworm activity was reported in both States. **Soybeans** blooming reached 52 percent in Delaware and 80 percent in Maryland. Downy mildew was identified as being active on select soybean bean fields in Delaware. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. Harvest was well underway, with **Apples** over 19 percent and **Peaches** over 60 percent harvested in both States. Vegetable harvest is underway with **processed lima beans** over 30 percent and **snap beans** over 65 percent harvested in both States. Harvest of **potatoes** is at 50 and 78 percent in Delaware and Maryland respectively. **Pasture** conditions are in good conditions in both States.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, second cutting	98	91	100	100	92	92	100	100
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	64	56	91	82	42	35	83	81
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	6	1	13	16	0	0	0	2
Apples, harvested	19	19	25	29	20	14	14	15
Cantaloups, harvested	63	50	71	72	53	33	67	62
Corn, dough	80	57	84	76	65	52	61	77
Corn, dent	20	7	22	30	20	7	21	39
Cucumbers, harvested	67	60	74	73	75	67	67	65
Other Hay, second cutting	93	80	98	95	99	97	100	100
Other Hay, third cutting	28	16	52	39	25	14	41	42
Lima Beans, harvested	39	29	49	58	30	21	20	27
Peaches, harvested	60	48	55	68	72	62	69	75
Potatoes, harvested	78	52	77	69	50	45	65	51
Snap Beans, harvested	68	67	80	81	67	59	75	77
Soybeans, blooming	80	55	78	80	52	43	82	82
Soybeans setting pods	50	28	43	59	30	28	35	47
Sweet Corn, harvested	69	56	70	80	69	57	66	67
Tomatoes, harvested	65	51	57	59	42	30	45	55
Watermelons, harvested	43	26	61	61	62	37	71	66

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	8	90	2	2	6	18	70	4
Corn	3	8	25	46	18	6	17	30	38	9
Pasture	3	10	32	50	5	1	4	28	65	2
Peaches	0	13	29	52	6	7	13	34	45	1
Soybeans	3	8	25	51	13	2	4	26	57	11

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 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	4	2	6	6	2	0	3	3
Short	28	28	24	31	18	19	22	33
Adequate	65	67	68	62	79	78	75	62
Surplus	3	3	2	1	1	3	0	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from
		Depart From	Normal				
	this	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal	
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.02	29.45	3.71	94	64	78	3
Frederick	0.72	28.90	4.00	92	64	77	6
Frostburg	0.58	28.35	-2.71	85	56	72	5
Hagerstown	0.23	19.96	-4.54	96	66	81	7
Mechanicsville	0.10	26.70	-2.03	91	64	77	2
Patuxent River	0.02	23.62	-2.81	93	66	79	5
Ocean City	1.28	29.11	0.31	99	67	83	8
Salisbury	0.46	23.94	-4.93	97	62	79	4
Sharpsburg	0.00	22.28	-2.62	92	62	76	5
Stevensville	0.95	24.99	-1.78	93	66	78	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.23	24.99	0.76	97	71	82	4
Delaware							
Dover	0.52	25.17	-2.56	93	66	78	3
Georgetown	0.60	25.40	-2.46	96	65	80	6
Wilmington	0.96	26.06	-0.13	93	65	78	3

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

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