



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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More Welcomed Rainfall

For the week ending, August 30, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **4.7** days in Delaware and **5.4** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported mostly adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. One crop reporter from Western Maryland commented “*Corn Silage harvest is in full swing.*” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good conditions.

Hay supplies remained at adequate in both States. Hay harvest continued to progress steadily in both States, with Maryland surpassing 40 percent and Delaware surpassing 70 percent in the third cutting of other hay. The third cutting of alfalfa hay made good progress with 93 percent in Delaware and 82 percent in Maryland. **Corn** in dough is at 91 percent in Delaware and 92 percent in Maryland, with both States over 60 percent dent. **Soybeans** blooming reached 89 percent in Delaware and 96 percent in Maryland. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. Harvest was well underway, with **Apples** over 30 percent and **Peaches** over 80 percent harvested in both States. Vegetable harvest is underway with **processed lima beans** over 50 percent and **snap beans** over 70 percent harvested in both States. Harvest of **potatoes** is at 73 and 98 percent in Delaware and Maryland respectively. **Pasture** conditions are in good condition in both States.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, third cutting	82	72	97	91	93	54	91	93
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	20	11	29	34	9	0	17	23
Apples, harvested	36	21	43	42	31	23	15	22
Cantaloups, harvested	77	71	85	84	80	69	87	81
Corn, dough	92	80	99	74	91	74	78	92
Corn, dent	61	40	67	69	66	32	81	82
Corn, mature	13	-1	33	28	5	0	38	42
Corn, harvested for silage	28	0	13	25	15	0	2	21
Cucumbers, harvested	79	74	87	82	85	80	81	78
Other Hay, third cutting	43	33	67	54	70	43	51	62
Other Hay, fourth cutting	6	5	6	6	0	0	1	3
Lima Beans, harvested	59	49	57	63	52	35	37	43
Peaches, harvested	86	69	82	87	82	75	85	88
Potatoes, harvested	98	91	98	86	73	63	91	77
Snap Beans, harvested	79	77	87	88	81	74	80	89
Soybeans, blooming	96	89	88	92	89	68	95	97
Soybeans setting pods	74	62	76	81	58	44	81	84
Sweet Corn, harvested	78	75	83	89	81	74	81	84
Tomatoes, harvested	74	71	72	76	63	52	73	76
Watermelons, harvested	68	52	88	83	86	80	86	83

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	5	8	87	0	2	6	15	73	4
Corn	3	9	22	46	20	5	15	29	39	12
Pasture	2	8	30	45	15	1	3	25	64	7
Peaches	0	11	28	55	6	7	13	9	71	0
Soybeans	2	11	26	46	15	1	5	21	59	14

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 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	2	0	0	0	0
Short	10	17	14	19	1	10	4	16
Adequate	85	77	81	75	82	87	86	81
Surplus	5	6	5	4	17	3	10	3

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		From	Normal				
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.54	32.86	5.34	88	62	76	3
Frederick	1.41	32.02	5.68	88	61	74	5
Frostburg	0.13	29.04	-3.77	81	52	67	2
Hagerstown	0.74	21.02	-4.98	93	64	77	7
Mechanicsville	1.16	29.28	-1.27	88	62	76	3
Patuxent River	0.98	27.18	-1.24	88	68	78	6
Ocean City	0.72	30.28	-0.91	94	70	83	10
Salisbury	1.70	26.66	-4.58	88	65	78	5
Sharpsburg	0.50	23.31	-3.03	90	58	73	4
Stevensville	0.91	30.43	1.92	89	67	77	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.15	26.66	0.72	92	68	79	3
Delaware							
Dover	1.51	30.32	0.62	89	64	77	3
Georgetown	4.16	31.54	1.22	91	69	81	9
Wilmington	0.66	29.99	2.32	87	65	76	3

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

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