



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW2309

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### Cool, Clear, and Eager for Rain

For the week ending, September 6, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.8** days in Delaware and **6.6** days in Maryland. Soil moistures reported mostly adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. Temperatures became cooler and very little rain was received last week. One crop reporter from Southern Maryland commented “*Corn harvest is now in full swing.*” **Corn** and **Soybeans** were both rated in mostly fair to good conditions.

**Hay supplies** remained at adequate in both States, with Maryland reaching 88 percent. Dry conditions allowed the hay harvest to progress steadily in both States where the third cutting is nearly complete and a fourth cutting has begun. Maryland’s third cutting was at 96 percent for alfalfa and 54 percent other hay. Delaware was nearly complete with the third cutting of alfalfa hay at 99 percent and other hay at 79 percent. **Corn** dough is at 99 percent in Delaware and 95 percent in Maryland, with both States over 70 percent dent. **Soybeans** setting pods reached 86 percent in Delaware and 87 percent in Maryland. **Apples** and **Peaches** continue to be reported in good condition. Harvest was well underway, with **Apples** over 35 percent and **Peaches** over 90 percent harvested in both States. Vegetable harvest is underway with **processed lima beans** over 60 percent and **snap beans** over 80 percent harvested in both States. **Potato harvest** is complete in Maryland and 80 percent complete in Delaware. Sweet Corn harvest is over 80 percent complete in both States with excellent yields reported in some areas. **Pasture** conditions remain good in both States.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 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	96	82	98	93	99	93	93	96
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	35	20	35	41	19	9	22	33
Apples, harvested	45	36	54	49	37	31	18	27
Cantaloups, harvested	86	77	89	91	89	80	93	89
Corn, dough	95	92	100	76	99	91	97	98
Corn, dent	74	61	78	82	83	66	90	93
Corn, mature	21	13	46	46	15	5	57	60
Corn, harvested for silage	45	28	41	42	23	15	9	40
Cucumbers, harvested	90	79	89	86	89	85	86	84
Other Hay, third cutting	54	43	71	60	79	70	55	75
Other Hay, fourth cutting	8	6	8	8	2	0	1	6
Lima Beans, harvested	68	59	58	66	62	52	47	54
Peaches, harvested	93	86	89	93	90	82	93	93
Potatoes, harvested	100	98	99	90	80	73	94	85
Snap Beans, harvested	81	79	89	91	83	81	85	93
Soybeans, blooming	99	96	89	94	98	89	96	98
Soybeans setting pods	87	74	85	88	86	58	86	91
Soybeans turning color	7	4	31	19	3	0	17	18
Sweet Corn, harvested	84	78	88	91	87	81	87	89
Tomatoes, harvested	81	74	85	84	75	63	82	86
Watermelons, harvested	77	68	93	90	92	86	91	89

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	5	8	85	2	2	6	15	73	4
Corn	3	8	22	47	20	5	14	29	40	12
Pasture	2	8	30	44	16	1	3	25	64	7
Peaches	0	11	28	55	6	7	13	9	71	0
Soybeans	2	7	26	51	14	2	4	18	61	15

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

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 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	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Short	16	10	16	14	3	1	4	4
Adequate	79	85	79	81	86	82	88	86
Surplus	4	5	3	5	11	17	8	10

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Total	Depart				
		From	Normal				
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.00	32.86	4.50	85	53	68	-5
Frederick	0.00	32.02	4.91	84	49	66	-3
Frostburg	0.00	29.04	-4.60	79	44	60	-5
Hagerstown	0.00	21.02	-5.73	88	51	69	-2
Mechanicsville	0.04	28.86	-2.60	85	56	69	-4
Patuxent River	0.00	27.18	-2.19	84	61	71	-1
Ocean City	0.26	30.54	-1.61	89	62	75	4
Salisbury	0.00	26.66	-5.60	86	57	69	-4
Sharpsburg	0.00	23.31	-3.80	85	44	64	-5
Stevensville	0.01	30.44	1.09	84	54	68	-5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	26.66	-0.12	87	57	71	-5
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.00	30.32	-0.43	84	55	69	-4
Georgetown	0.00	31.53	0.22	88	58	72	2
Wilmington	0.00	29.99	1.54	86	52	69	-4

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

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