



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Harvest of Late Summer and Fall Crops Continue

For the week ending, October 11, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.7** days in Delaware and **6.5** days in Maryland. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. Small grain planting continues, despite cool weather starting to set in. Soybean harvest is well underway in both states. **Corn** and **Soybean** conditions were rated mostly good to excellent in Delaware and Maryland.

Hay supplies remained adequate to surplus in Delaware and Maryland had mostly adequate supplies. Harvest of **alfalfa hay** continued, with the fourth cutting virtually completed in Delaware and nearing completion in Maryland. Growers in both states were finishing the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay with 98 and 91 percent cut in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. So far, the fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was ahead of the five year average. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay reached 12 percent and 28 percent in Delaware and Maryland. **Other hay** third cutting is completed in Delaware and reached 86 percent in Maryland. Fourth cutting reached 49 and 33 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvest continued to make great progress, but remained behind the five year average. Corn harvest reached 55 percent in Delaware and 52 percent in Maryland. Over 93 percent of the crop reached maturity in both States. **Soybean** harvest in Delaware and Maryland was underway, with 10 and 14 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting was ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 74 percent planted. **Winter wheat** planting was also ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 32 percent planted. **Apple** crop quality was rated as good condition with 83 percent and 85 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. Harvest of **lima beans** for processing was nearly complete at 92 percent in both states. **Pasture** conditions were fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, fourth cutting	91	85	84	82	98	94	75	73
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	28	22	23	15	12	2	2	10
Apples, harvested	85	81	88	84	83	75	55	73
Barley, planted	74	54	72	60	38	18	43	41
Corn, mature	93	87	98	97	97	90	100	99
Corn, harvested for grain	52	31	69	67	55	32	72	77
Corn, harvested for silage	97	89	94	87	97	92	95	90
Lima Beans, harvested	92	87	91	83	92	89	92	82
Other Hay, third cutting	86	82	90	78	100	99	80	88
Other Hay, fourth cutting	33	21	46	50	49	32	8	34
Soybeans turning color	87	72	91	82	80	71	84	81
Soybeans dropping leaves	63	40	76	73	62	32	58	73
Soybeans harvested	14	3	14	18	10	1	14	14
Winter Wheat, planted	32	17	27	27	6	0	13	12
Winter Wheat emerged	10	0	3	1	1	0	4	1

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Apples	0	0	6	92	2	2	5	14	75	4
Corn	2	5	22	46	25	4	11	18	51	16
Pasture	1	11	21	49	18	0	2	17	63	18
Soybeans	1	6	23	54	16	2	3	14	49	32

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	19	12	13	9	3	1	3	3
Adequate	77	85	85	89	95	95	95	94
Surplus	3	3	2	2	2	4	2	3

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 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	0.04	36.46	4.33	83	40	61	3
Frederick	0.34	35.88	4.90	80	40	58	3
Frostburg	0.40	32.29	-5.01	76	38	51	-2
Hagerstown	0.24	23.16	-7.12	83	44	62	5
Mechanicsville	0.05	32.64	-3.02	81	43	59	-2
Patuxent River	0.00	31.31	-2.18	85	44	66	6
Ocean City	0.03	37.77	2.04	83	48	69	9
Salisbury	0.03	31.08	-5.22	79	43	64	4
Sharpsburg	0.35	24.99	-5.99	85	37	56	1
Stevensville	0.00	33.08	-0.18	83	43	62	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.01	30.00	-0.47	85	49	66	4
Delaware							
Dover	0.05	37.37	1.92	80	43	63	3
Georgetown	0.06	37.23	2.25	83	45	66	7
Wilmington	0.12	35.05	2.78	79	41	62	4

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

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