



Maryland & Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Rainy Weather Conditions Delay Harvest Activities

For the week ending, October 18, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were 4.2 days in Delaware and 3.4 days in Maryland. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. Small grain plantings were halted due to the ample rainfall received. **Corn** and **soybean** harvest are well underway in both states. Corn and soybeans remained in mostly good to excellent conditions in Delaware and Maryland. Only one crop reporter in the Western part of Maryland reported receiving the first spotty frost last week.

Hay supplies remained adequate to surplus in Delaware and Maryland had mostly adequate supplies. Harvest of **alfalfa hay** continued, with the completion of the fourth cutting virtually remaining the same in both states from last week. Growers in both states were finishing the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay with 99 and 92 percent cut in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. So far, the fifth cutting of alfalfa hay remained above the five year average. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay reached 46 percent and 32 percent in Delaware and Maryland. **Other hay** third cutting reached 87 percent in Maryland. Fourth cutting reached 50 and 35 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvest continued to make great progress despite recent rains, but remained behind the five year average. Corn harvest reached 62 percent in Delaware and 61 percent in Maryland. Over 97 percent of the crop reached maturity in both States. **Soybean** harvest in Delaware and Maryland was underway, with 16 and 24 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting was ahead of the five year average in both states, with 65 percent planted in Delaware and 80 percent planted in Maryland. **Winter wheat** planting was also ahead of the five year average in both states, with 25 percent planted in Delaware and 44 percent planted in Maryland. **Apple** crop quality was rated as good condition with 89 percent and 90 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. Harvest of **lima beans** for processing was nearing completion at 96 percent in both states. Lima beans for processing were also ahead of the five year average in both states. **Pasture** conditions remained fair to good in both states.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 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	92	91	91	86	99	98	79	76
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	32	28	36	22	46	12	14	16
Apples, harvested	90	85	93	91	89	83	67	80
Barley, planted	80	74	84	72	65	38	68	60
Corn, mature	97	93	99	97	99	97	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	61	52	77	76	62	55	82	83
Lima Beans, harvested	96	92	95	86	96	92	96	86
Other Hay, third cutting	87	86	95	79	100	100	85	89
Other Hay, fourth cutting	35	33	51	57	50	49	12	41
Soybeans turning color	90	87	95	83	86	80	91	82
Soybeans dropping leaves	76	63	85	84	71	62	67	83
Soybeans harvested	24	14	27	27	16	10	22	21
Winter Wheat, planted	44	32	50	41	25	6	29	24
Winter Wheat emerged	16	10	6	1	9	1	10	2

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Pasture	0	10	21	51	18	0	2	18	63	17
Soybeans	1	5	18	60	16	2	3	13	42	40

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	19	2	13	0	3	0	3
Adequate	83	77	86	85	90	95	91	95
Surplus	15	3	12	2	10	2	9	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 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	3.16	39.62	6.86	71	37	48	-9
Frederick	2.29	38.17	6.49	67	37	45	-8
Frostburg	1.22	33.51	-4.49	57	32	39	-11
Hagerstown	1.93	25.09	-5.96	69	39	48	-8
Mechanicsville	3.76	36.40	-0.03	69	38	48	-9
Patuxent River	3.19	34.50	0.31	73	43	53	-5
Ocean City	2.72	40.49	4.05	78	46	60	3
Salisbury	1.50	32.58	-4.49	73	43	54	-4
Sharpsburg	2.59	27.58	-4.10	67	34	45	-9
Stevensville	2.57	35.65	1.69	69	39	48	-10
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.60	32.60	1.48	73	39	51	-10
Delaware							
Dover	2.11	39.48	3.33	70	40	51	-9
Georgetown	2.61	39.84	4.12	75	46	57	0
Wilmington	1.83	36.88	3.98	68	38	48	-9

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

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