



# Maryland & Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

CW3009

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### Fieldwork Continues After Heavy Rains

For the week ending, October 25, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.5** days in Delaware and **4.7** days in Maryland. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. **Corn** harvest was beginning to wrap up, except for wet fields. Rains delayed harvest, but farmers were able to work in the fields this past week, due to a few dry days. **Soybean** harvest was well underway in both states. Corn and soybeans remained in mostly good to excellent conditions in Delaware and Maryland.

**Hay supplies** remained adequate to surplus in Delaware and Maryland. Harvest of **alfalfa hay** continued. Growers in both states were finishing the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay with 99 and 93 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 51 percent and 52 percent in Delaware and Maryland. **Other hay** third cutting reached 90 percent in Maryland. Fourth cutting reached 55 and 45 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvest continued between rains and dry periods, but remained behind the five year average. Corn harvest reached 72 percent in Delaware and 71 percent in Maryland. **Soybean** harvest in Delaware and Maryland continued, with 27 and 33 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting remained ahead of the five year average in both states, with 86 percent planted in Delaware and 91 percent planted in Maryland. **Winter wheat** planting was also ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 66 percent planted. Barley planting in Delaware reached 39 percent planted. **Apple** crop quality was rated as good condition with 94 percent and 95 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Lima beans** for processing harvest was reported complete in Delaware and at 98 percent completion in Maryland. Lima beans for processing harvest remained above the five year average in both states. **Pasture** conditions remained fair to good in both states.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 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	93	92	93	88	99	99	81	81
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	52	32	47	30	51	46	31	25
Apples, harvested	95	90	97	94	94	89	78	89
Barley, planted	91	80	94	82	86	65	83	78
Corn, mature	100	97	100	98	100	99	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	71	61	86	83	72	62	92	91
Lima Beans, harvested	98	96	99	88	100	96	99	90
Other Hay, third cutting	90	87	97	79	100	100	91	91
Other Hay, fourth cutting	45	35	56	61	55	50	20	45
Soybeans turning color	96	90	97	84	94	86	96	85
Soybeans dropping leaves	88	76	92	91	82	71	80	91
Soybeans harvested	33	24	38	37	27	16	29	30
Winter Wheat, planted	66	44	62	54	39	25	44	40
Winter Wheat emerged	34	16	14	4	18	9	20	7

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Pasture	0	9	20	52	19	0	3	18	62	17
Soybeans	2	3	19	56	20	1	3	13	41	42

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

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 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	0	0	0	0	0
Short	0	2	1	2	1	0	1	0
Adequate	83	83	87	86	89	90	90	91
Surplus	17	15	12	12	10	10	9	9

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 2009**

Station	Precipitation <sup>1/</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total this Week	Since Jan 1		High	Low	Average	Depart from Normal
		Depart	From				
		Total	Normal				
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.03	40.65	7.22	75	34	56	2
Frederick	1.14	39.31	6.93	76	32	54	5
Frostburg	2.09	35.60	-3.13	74	30	51	5
Hagerstown	0.84	25.93	-5.89	81	37	60	8
Mechanicsville	0.46	36.86	-0.34	75	36	54	-1
Patuxent River	0.49	34.99	0.08	80	37	58	4
Ocean City	0.36	40.85	3.64	76	34	57	1
Salisbury	0.04	32.62	-5.22	80	33	57	3
Sharpsburg	0.46	28.04	-4.34	81	28	54	4
Stevensville	1.08	36.72	2.06	73	40	57	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.92	33.52	1.73	75	40	58	1
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.73	40.21	3.36	77	37	58	2
Georgetown	0.93	40.77	4.28	83	37	60	7
Wilmington	1.86	38.74	5.21	75	35	56	3

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

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