



Maryland & Delaware Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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Excessive Rains Slow Harvest Progress

For the week ending, November 15, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **2.7** days in **Delaware** and **2.6** days in **Maryland**. Wet weather this past week has hampered harvesting and wheat planting. Soil moisture levels were adequate in both Delaware and Maryland. Corn and soybeans remained in mostly good to excellent conditions in Delaware and Maryland.

Hay supplies remained adequate in Delaware and Maryland. **Alfalfa hay** harvest in the fifth cutting was reported above two thirds complete in both states. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay reached 68 percent and 70 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Other hay** fourth cutting reached 73 and 54 percent in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Corn** harvest reached 93 percent in Delaware and 83 percent in Maryland. **Soybean** harvest in both states continued, with 52 and 63 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting remained ahead of the five year average in Maryland, with 98 percent planted and reaching 97 percent planted in Delaware. **Winter wheat** planting was 89 percent in Maryland and 92 percent in Delaware.

CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2009

Item	Maryland				Delaware			
	This	Last	Last	5 Year	This	Last	Last	5 Year
	Week	Week	Year	Average	Week	Week	Year	Average
Alfalfa Hay, fifth cutting	68	66	66	64	70	68	51	50
Barley, planted	97	97	98	98	98	95	98	98
Corn, harvested for grain	83	80	98	95	93	89	100	98
Other Hay, fourth cutting	54	53	80	76	73	71	60	66
Soybeans dropping leaves	98	96	100	100	100	99	93	99
Soybeans harvested	63	59	67	75	52	45	62	74
Winter Wheat, planted	89	81	94	89	74	68	77	85
Winter Wheat emerged	77	62	70	69	58	50	62	72

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2009

Item	Maryland					Delaware				
	VP	P	F	G	EX	VP	P	F	G	EX
	Percent					Percent				
Barley	5	6	20	54	15	1	4	16	74	5
Soybeans	1	3	20	54	22	2	5	19	44	30
Winter Wheat	4	8	21	42	25	1	4	19	71	5

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

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 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	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Adequate	49	71	63	82	48	61	51	79
Surplus	47	24	35	16	52	39	49	21

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2009

Station	Precipitation ^{1/}			Temperatures			
		Since Jan 1					
	Total		Depart				Depart
	this		From				from
	Week	Total	Normal	High	Low	Average	Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.74	44.73	9.09	73	39	54	7
Frederick	1.26	42.54	7.81	72	38	52	9
Frostburg	0.01	36.57	-4.58	71	37	50	9
Hagerstown	0.11	27.35	-6.82	73	43	56	11
Mechanicsville	4.00	44.72	5.11	72	40	52	4
Patuxent River	5.32	44.39	7.14	68	43	55	6
Ocean City	4.09	48.09	8.59	69	40	56	7
Salisbury	3.99	38.60	-1.44	73	39	56	7
Sharpsburg	1.00	30.71	-4.02	74	35	51	9
Stevensville	2.01	41.93	5.01	69	34	53	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.89	38.13	4.24	74	45	55	5
Delaware							
Dover	2.67	46.65	7.7	70	44	54	5
Georgetown	3.08	49.32	10.58	74	42	57	9
Wilmington	0.58	41.47	5.81	72	40	54	7

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

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