



# Weather & Crops

CW 3609

December 7, 2009

## Wet Conditions Slow Harvest of Remaining Fields

For the week ending, December 6, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.0** days in **Delaware** and **2.4** days in **Maryland**. One Harford County producer reported, "the ground was too wet to bring harvesters in." The wet fields delayed the completion of harvest. Soil moisture levels were adequate to surplus in both Delaware and Maryland.

**Hay supplies** remained adequate in Delaware and Maryland. **Alfalfa hay** harvest in the fifth cutting reached 77 percent in Delaware and 82 percent in Maryland. **Corn** harvest reached 98 percent in Delaware and 90 percent in Maryland. **Soybean** harvest in both states continued, with 76 and 75 percent harvested in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Barley** planting was virtually finished with 99 percent and 98 percent planted in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Winter wheat** planting remained unchanged from the previous week with 98 percent in Maryland and 87 percent in Delaware.

### MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING December 6, 2009

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Dec 6 2009	Nov 29 2009	Dec 7 2008	5-Year Average	Dec 6 2009	Nov 29 2009	Dec 7 2008	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	82	79	100	100	77	76	100	100
Barley, planted	98	97	100	100	99	99	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	90	89	100	100	98	97	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	75	71	100	91	76	70	100	93
Winter Wheat, planted	98	95	100	96	87	82	100	98
Winter Wheat, emerged	94	86	100	84	81	72	100	91

### CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING December 6, 2009

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>									
Pasture	1	10	31	49	9	6	17	18	55	4
Winter Wheat	7	10	23	39	21	2	7	25	62	4

**SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING December 6, 2009**

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Dec 6	Nov 29						
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Adequate	39	51	53	63	43	52	45	54
Surplus	61	47	45	35	57	48	55	46

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

Station	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	Departure From Normal
		Total	Departure From Normal				
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.58	47.30	10.07	55	30	47	4
Frederick	0.92	44.10	7.74	55	31	45	7
Frostburg	0.39	37.81	-5.09	50	29	39	3
Hagerstown	1.16	29.21	-6.49	58	36	47	8
Mechanicsville	1.16	46.36	5.10	55	30	46	3
Patuxent River	0.79	45.76	6.88	57	34	49	5
Ocean City	0.42	48.54	7.56	58	31	51	6
Salisbury	0.57	39.31	-2.23	58	30	50	5
Sharpsburg	1.10	32.26	-4.10	58	28	44	6
Stevensville	1.00	43.39	4.84	55	35	48	4
Washington DC Reagan National	1.22	39.93	4.53	58	35	48	3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.39	47.20	6.71	56	34	49	4
Georgetown	0.59	50.04	9.82	57	32	50	7
Wilmington	0.49	42.91	5.67	56	31	47	6

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

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