



Weather & Crops

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Wet Weather Continues, Slowing Soybean Harvest

For the week ending, December 13, 2009, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.2** days in **Delaware** and **2.5** days in **Maryland**. One Washington County producer reported, “wintery mix and high winds all add up to difficulties in finishing harvest.” Western Maryland received snow, ice, and low temperatures which hindered farmers from any type of field work this past week. Still unharvested soybeans out there; too much precipitation kept the ground saturated. 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 82 percent in Delaware and 87 percent in Maryland. **Corn** harvest reached 99 percent in Delaware and 92 percent in Maryland. **Soybean** harvest in both states reached 78 percent. **Barley** planting remained unchanged from the previous week with 99 percent and 98 percent planted in Delaware and Maryland, respectively. **Winter wheat** planting reached 99 percent in Maryland and 88 percent in Delaware.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING December 13, 2009

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Dec 13 2009	Dec 6 2009	Dec 14 2008	5-Year Average	Dec 13 2009	Dec 6 2009	Dec 14 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	87	82	100	100	82	77	100	100
Barley, planted	98	98	100	100	99	99	100	203
Corn, harvested for grain	92	90	100	100	100	98	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	78	75	100	95	78	76	100	121
Winter Wheat, planted	99	98	100	97	88	87	100	100
Winter Wheat, emerged	95	94	100	89	83	81	100	95

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING December 13, 2009

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>									
Pasture	4	19	27	43	7	15	21	24	33	7
Winter Wheat	9	12	25	35	19	3	9	30	54	4

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING December 13, 2009

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Dec 13	Dec 6						
	<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	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Adequate	33	39	47	53	37	43	43	45
Surplus	65	61	51	45	63	57	57	55

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING December 13, 2009

Station	Precipitation ¹			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>
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	1.75	51.24	12.42	54	22	36	-3
Frederick	1.61	47.22	9.32	50	19	33	-2
Frostburg	2.21	41.32	-3.33	47	10	25	-7
Hagerstown	1.34	31.36	-5.67	50	21	35	
Mechanicsville	1.91	51.24	8.44	55	21	35	-5
Patuxent River	1.93	48.62	8.20	69	29	43	4
Ocean City	2.17	52.44	9.92	65	24	41	1
Salisbury	1.69	42.45	-0.72	63	22	40	-2
Sharpsburg	1.82	35.41	-2.49	51	17	32	-3
Stevensville	1.91	47.70	7.47	55	25	38	-2
Washington DC Reagan National	1.61	43.17	6.31	53	25	39	-3
Delaware							
Dover	2.43	51.97	9.94	60	25	39	-2
Georgetown	2.07	54.35	12.59	64	22	40	2
Wilmington	2.30	46.85	7.97	56	22	37	-1

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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