



Weather & Crops

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Drier Weather Offers Plenty of Field Time

For the week ending, May 9, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.0** days in both Maryland and Delaware. Soil moisture ratings continued to rate primarily adequate. A Southern Maryland crop reporter reported, *“Drier weather has offered plenty of field time. The dry field conditions are slowing soybean planting progress as ground is hard and unsuitable for planting in many areas. Vegetable farmers made good progress in getting transplants set out.”*

Hay supplies continue to remain adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Pasture** conditions rate fair to good in both states. **Small grains** are in good condition. **Corn for grain** planting is strongly progressing with 74 percent planted in Maryland and 82 percent planted in Delaware. **Soybean** planting has begun in both states with Maryland reporting 12 percent planted and Delaware reporting 3 percent planted. **Potato** planting is over 90 percent in both Maryland and Delaware. **Sweet corn** planting has also increased for both states—37 percent planted in Delaware and 53 percent in Maryland. **Fruit** crops are almost all entirely bloomed in both states. Maryland reported both apples and peaches 100 percent bloomed and strawberries at 94 percent bloomed. Delaware reported peaches 100 percent bloomed and apples at 86 percent bloomed and strawberries at 91 percent.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING May 9, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	May 9 2010	May 2 2010	May 10 2009	5-Year Average	May 9 2010	May 2 2010	May 10 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley, emerged	85	85	100	86	100	100	100	97
Corn, planted	74	55	35	54	82	71	28	62
Corn, emerged	36	14	15	21	22	8	13	26
Soybeans, planted	12		4	7	3		3	6
Soybeans, emerged	1							
Winter Wheat, headed	58	27	57	44	92	38	9	34
Cucumbers, planted	35	29	14	21	26	14	5	11
Green Peas, planted	94	92	94	79	100	96	92	87
Potatoes, planted	97	96	95	98	91	79	95	94
Snap Beans, planted	29	24	18	16	36	9	12	25
Sweet Corn, planted	53	39	26	46	37	27	22	31
Tomatoes, planted	27	18	42	38	26	4	8	16
Cantaloups, planted	35	25	11	23	25	5	5	13
Strawberries, bloomed	94	80	76	83	91	72	95	83
Watermelons, planted	25	13	16	27	26	6	9	17
Apples, bloomed	100	99	51	81	86	78	78	87
Peaches, bloomed	100	100	94	92	100	98	99	98

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING May 9, 2010

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Pasture		4	20	62	14	1	19	50	26	4
Barley	2	7	12	65	14	3	14	22	60	1
Winter Wheat	2	14	18	50	16	3	15	24	47	11

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 9, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	May 9	May 2	May 9	May 2	May 9	May 2	May 9	May 2
	<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	5	1	2	0	2	1	0	0
Short	16	11	12	9	20	4	4	2
Adequate	76	81	84	85	68	81	76	77
Surplus	3	7	2	6	10	14	20	21

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 9, 2010

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	0.22	14.99	1.32	86	46	69	9
Frederick	1.00	14.09	1.30	84	44	66	10
Frostburg	1.63	15.15	-0.75	79	36	58	6
Hagerstown	0.56	11.80	-0.84	85	45	69	11
Mechanicsville	0.01	13.58	-1.77	85	48	68	8
Patuxent River		14.18	0.49	89	51	73	13
Ocean City	0.01	16.53	0.62	87	49	69	10
Salisbury		11.74	-3.72	88	49	71	12
Sharpsburg	0.46	12.19	-0.60	85	42	63	8
Stevensville	0.26	14.23	-0.08	86	46	68	8
Washington DC Reagan National	0.23	10.59	-1.74	87	49	73	10
Delaware							
Dover		15.60	0.86	86	48	70	10
Georgetown	0.01	15.75	0.49	88	49	72	14
Wilmington	0.08	15.24	1.40	87	45	69	10

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

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