



Weather & Crops

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Excessive Rains Hold up Fall Harvest

For the week ending, October 3, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **3.6** days in Delaware and **2.7** days in Maryland. Soil moisture ratings in Delaware and Maryland were mostly adequate. One crop reporter in Delaware reported: “*Storms rolled through this week, too late for Corn and Soybeans but will help the cover crops that have been planted.*” Another reporter from Maryland reported: “*The added moisture will help pasture and hay fields recover for the winter but will offer little hope to soybeans.*”

Hay supplies were primarily adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Pasture conditions for both Delaware and Maryland were fair. The fourth cutting of other hay was 35 percent complete in Maryland and 54 percent in Delaware while the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 71 percent complete in Maryland and 62 percent complete in Delaware. Corn in Delaware was reported mature with 86 percent harvested for grain and 100 percent harvested for silage. The Maryland corn crop was 96 percent mature with 68 percent harvested for grain and 94 percent harvested for silage. Delaware soybean reports indicate 97 percent turning color, 35 percent dropping leaves and 7 percent harvested. In Maryland, soybean reports indicate 84 percent turning color, 58 percent dropping leaves and 12 percent harvested. Soybean condition was primarily fair in both States. Barley was 25 percent planted in Delaware and 54 percent in Maryland. Winter wheat was 33 percent planted and 28 percent emerged in Delaware and 38 percent planted and 8 percent emerged in Maryland. Apple harvest is ongoing with over 70 percent harvested in both States and good quality reported. Fresh market vegetable harvest was nearly complete with most producers expected to finish over the next couple weeks.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING October 3, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Oct 3 2010	Sep 26 2010	Oct 4 2009	5-Year Average	Oct 3 2010	Sep 26 2010	Oct 4 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	71	61	82	79	62	25	92	72
Other Hay, 4th cutting	35	27	21	29	54	37	32	20
Barley, planted	54	32	50	42	25	13	16	19
Corn, mature	96	93	85	92	100	100	88	96
Corn, harvested for silage	94	91	88	85	100	77	90	77
Corn, harvested for grain	68	65	29	47	86	59	31	55
Soybeans, turned	84	74	69	77	97	81	69	76
Soybeans, dropping leaves	58	47	37	53	64	35	31	51
Soybeans, harvested	12	8	3	8	7		1	6
Winter Wheat, planted	38	18	16	17	33	10		3
Winter Wheat, emerged	8	2			28			
Cucumbers, harvested	100	96	99	99	100	100	100	99
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	90	72	86	78	89	74	88	75
Snap Beans, harvested	100	99	100	98	100	98	99	100
Sweet Corn, harvested	100	98	99	97	100	100	99	98
Tomatoes, harvested	99	95	99	98	99	98	99	99
Cantaloups, harvested	100	98	100	98	100	100	100	99
Watermelons, harvested	100	98	100	98	100	100	100	99
Apples, harvested	73	68	80	80	83	78	74	63

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING October 3, 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	17	24	33	25	1	7	19	42	29	3
Corn	18	23	32	23	4	7	41	38	12	2
Soybeans	5	28	37	25	5	15	14	46	22	3

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING October 3, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Oct 3	Sep 26	Oct 3	Sep 26	Oct 3	Sep 26	Oct 3	Sep 26
	<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	40	8	43	0	21	5	24
Short	7	47	24	46	2	32	20	30
Adequate	78	13	60	11	68	47	68	46
Surplus	15	0	8	0	30	0	7	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 3, 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 Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	7.32	37.20	5.85	81	46	66	4
Frederick	5.96	36.27	6.12	78	45	63	5
Frostburg	4.19	35.59	-0.91	66	39	54	-2
Hagerstown	4.23	21.85	-7.60	77	44	63	3
Mechanicsville	7.61	34.22	-0.56	80	49	66	4
Patuxent River	14.14	38.13	5.51	82	53	69	6
Ocean City	3.62	32.26	-2.67	77	49	69	6
Salisbury	5.27	27.02	-8.39	79	49	68	5
Sharpsburg	5.47	27.95	-2.20	80	42	61	4
Stevensville	10.79	41.78	9.33	80	51	68	5
Washington DC Reagan National	5.34	28.37	-1.30	84	52	69	3
Delaware							
Dover	6.57	35.27	0.72	80	48	68	4
Georgetown	4.68	29.24	-4.94	80	49	68	6
Wilmington	8.09	36.02	4.51	81	46	67	5

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

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