



Weather & Crops

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Corn Harvest Winding Down

For the week ending, October 10, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.4** days in Maryland and **5.7** days in Delaware. Soil moisture ratings in Maryland and Delaware were mostly adequate. One crop reporter in Maryland reported: *“Some fields that had been planted in winter wheat look like there was good germination.”* Another reporter from Delaware reported: *“Corn harvests are almost complete. Soybean harvests are beginning.”*

Hay supplies were primarily adequate in Maryland and Delaware. Pasture conditions for both Maryland and Delaware rated fair to good. The fourth cutting of other hay was 40 percent complete in Maryland and 60 percent in Delaware while the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 80 percent complete in Maryland and 66 percent complete in Delaware. Maryland reported 75 percent harvested for grain and 99 percent harvested for silage. Delaware reported 94 percent harvested for grain and 100 percent harvested for silage. In Maryland, soybean reports indicate 91 percent turning color, 70 percent dropping leaves and 18 percent harvested. Delaware soybean reports indicate 100 percent turning color, 93 percent dropping leaves and 24 percent harvested. Soybean condition was primarily fair in both States. Barley was 63 percent planted in Maryland and 50 percent in Delaware. Winter wheat was 40 percent planted in Maryland and 37 percent planted in Delaware.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING October 10, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Oct 10 2010	Oct 3 2010	Oct 11 2009	5-Year Average	Oct 10 2010	Oct 3 2010	Oct 11 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	80	71	90	83	66	62	97	77
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	7		27	16	3		11	9
Other Hay, 4th cutting	40	35	31	42	60	54	47	31
Barley, planted	63	54	71	62	50	25	35	38
Corn, mature	100	96	92	96	100	100	96	99
Corn, harvested for silage	99	94	96	87	100	100	96	88
Corn, harvested for grain	75	68	49	62	94	86	52	69
Soybeans, turned	91	84	85	84	100	97	79	79
Soybeans, dropping leaves	70	58	60	70	93	64	58	66
Soybeans, harvested	18	12	12	17	24	7	9	12
Winter Wheat, planted	40	38	30	27	37	33	5	9
Cucumbers, harvested	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	95	90	91	84	95	89	92	80
Snap Beans, harvested	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sweet Corn, harvested	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Tomatoes, harvested	100	99	100	100	100	99	100	100
Cantaloups, harvested	100	100	100	82	100	100	100	100
Watermelons, harvested	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Apples, harvested	80	73	84	86	88	83	82	74

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING October 10, 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	26	32	33	5	7	19	42	29	3
Corn	17	21	34	25	3	7	41	38	12	2
Soybeans	6	30	36	23	5	15	14	39	30	2

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING October 10, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Oct 10	Oct 3						
	<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	0	10	8	0	0	3	5
Short	9	7	17	24	14	2	27	20
Adequate	80	78	70	60	82	68	70	68
Surplus	6	15	3	8	4	30	0	7

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 10, 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	0.90	38.10	6.06	81	44	58	-3
Frederick	0.70	36.97	6.09	79	45	56	1
Frostburg	0.35	35.94	-1.26	74	40	51	-2
Hagerstown	0.43	22.28	-7.89	81	45	58	-2
Mechanicsville	1.04	35.25	-0.30	76	44	55	-5
Patuxent River	0.80	38.93	5.54	81	46	59	-2
Ocean City	1.28	33.54	-2.09	82	43	60	-1
Salisbury	1.20	28.22	-7.96	80	39	58	-4
Sharpsburg	0.49	28.44	-2.44	81	41	55	-1
Stevensville	0.92	42.70	9.54	78	50	60	-2
Washington DC Reagan National	0.81	29.18	-1.19	83	50	61	-3
Delaware							
Dover	0.77	36.04	0.70	78	47	59	-4
Georgetown	1.23	30.47	-4.41	81	42	59	-2
Wilmington	0.69	36.71	4.53	79	46	58	-2

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

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