



Weather & Crops

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Small Grain Plantings Make Progress

For the week ending, October 17, 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: *"Small grain plantings are making progress. Rain mid-week slowed planting activity."* Another reporter from Delaware reported: *"Producers have planted wheat for cover crop."*

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 50 percent complete in Maryland and 62 percent in Delaware while the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 83 percent complete in Maryland and 70 percent complete in Delaware. Maryland reported 84 percent corn harvested for grain and 100 percent corn harvested for silage. Delaware reported 98 percent harvested for grain and 100 percent harvested for silage. In Maryland, soybean reports indicate 97 percent turning color, 86 percent dropping leaves and 40 percent harvested. Delaware soybean reports indicate 100 percent turning color, 98 percent dropping leaves and 46 percent harvested. Soybean condition was primarily fair to good in both states. Barley was 79 percent planted in Maryland and 60 percent in Delaware. Winter wheat was 57 percent planted and 31 percent emerged in Maryland and 45 percent planted and 13 percent emerged in Delaware. Apple harvest is near completion for both states.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING October 17, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Oct 17 2010	Oct 10 2010	Oct 18 2009	5-Year Average	Oct 17 2010	Oct 10 2010	Oct 18 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	83	80	92	86	70	66	99	79
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	11	7	31	22	5	3	41	19
Other Hay, 4th cutting	50	40	35	49	62	60	50	35
Barley, planted	79	63	79	73	60	50	61	58
Corn, harvested for silage	100	99	100	89	100	100	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	84	75	60	72	98	94	61	76
Soybeans, turned	97	91	90	86	100	100	85	82
Soybeans, dropping leaves	86	70	74	82	98	93	70	77
Soybeans, harvested	40	18	23	26	46	24	15	19
Winter Wheat, planted	57	40	42	40	45	37	22	21
Winter Wheat, emerged	31		15	4	13		8	3
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	97	95	95	87	99	95	95	85
Apples, harvested	88	80	89	92	95	88	88	81

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING October 17, 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	18	27	44	7	9	29	46	15	1
Soybeans	4	24	38	27	7	21	16	33	26	4

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING October 17, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Oct 17	Oct 10						
	<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	5	3	10	0	0	3	3
Short	3	9	7	17	11	14	31	27
Adequate	88	80	83	70	87	82	64	70
Surplus	9	6	7	3	2	4	2	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 17, 2010

Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	Departur e 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	0.86	38.96	6.29	85	42	60	3
Frederick	0.81	37.78	6.20	83	42	58	5
Frostburg	0.32	36.26	-1.64	78	39	54	5
Hagerstown	0.41	22.69	-8.25	83	44	60	5
Mechanicsville	0.98	36.23	-0.09	81	42	58	2
Patuxent River	1.53	40.46	6.37	82	42	62	4
Ocean City	0.80	34.34	-1.99	78	46	62	4
Salisbury	0.54	28.76	-8.20	85	42	62	5
Sharpsburg	1.13	29.57	-2.01	85	39	57	4
Stevensville	0.99	43.69	9.83	83	43	60	2
Washington DC Reagan National	1.26	30.44	-0.59	88	48	64	5
Delaware							
Dover	0.70	36.74	0.69	84	46	61	2
Georgetown	0.63	31.10	-4.51	85	43	62	6
Wilmington	0.76	37.47	4.66	82	38	58	2

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

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