



Weather & Crops

CW 3010

October 25, 2010

Soybean Harvest Continues

For the week ending, October 24, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.6** days in Maryland and **5.8** days in Delaware. Soil moisture ratings in Maryland and Delaware were mostly adequate. One crop reporter in Maryland reported: “*Wheat planting slowed with recent rains. Soybean harvest of double crop beans continued later in the week.*” Another reporter from Delaware reported: “*Soybean harvest going on between rain activity.*”

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 55 percent complete in Maryland and 65 percent in Delaware while the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 85 percent complete in Maryland and 90 percent complete in Delaware. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was 18 percent complete in Maryland and 12 percent complete in Delaware. Maryland reported 91 percent corn harvested for grain and 100 percent corn harvested for silage. Delaware reported 100 percent harvested for grain and 100 percent harvested for silage. In Maryland, soybean reports indicate 99 percent turning color, 93 percent dropping leaves and 62 percent harvested. Delaware soybean reports indicate 100 percent turning color, 100 percent dropping leaves and 56 percent harvested. Soybean condition was primarily fair to good in both states. Barley was 86 percent planted in Maryland and 89 percent in Delaware. Winter wheat was 73 percent planted and 45 percent emerged in Maryland and 65 percent planted and 38 percent emerged in Delaware. Winter wheat condition was primarily good in both states.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING October 24, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Oct 24 2010	Oct 17 2010	Oct 25 2009	5-Year Average	Oct 24 2010	Oct 17 2010	Oct 25 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	85	83	93	89	90	70	99	83
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	18	11	49	32	12	5	50	27
Other Hay, 4th cutting	55	50	44	54	65	62	54	39
Barley, planted	86	79	89	83	89	60	83	78
Corn, harvested for silage	100	100	100	90	100	100	100	100
Corn, harvested for grain	91	84	70	80	100	98	71	84
Soybeans, turned	99	97	95	88	100	100	93	86
Soybeans, dropping leaves	93	86	86	90	100	98	80	86
Soybeans, harvested	62	40	32	36	56	46	25	28
Winter Wheat, planted	73	57	63	54	65	45	37	36
Winter Wheat, emerged	45	31	31	10	38	13	17	9
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	99	97	98	89	100	99	99	89
Apples, harvested	93	88	94	95	97	95	93	88

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING October 24, 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	17	24	48	7	7	22	35	35	1
Soybeans	4	24	33	32	7	12	10	36	41	1
Winter Wheat			17	80	3			4	75	21

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING October 24, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Oct 24	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 17
	<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	5	3	0	0	2	3
Short	6	3	8	7	8	11	23	31
Adequate	90	88	86	83	89	87	75	64
Surplus	4	9	1	7	3	2	0	2

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 24, 2010

Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			Departur e From Normal
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	
		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	0.30	39.26	5.93	76	35	55	1
Frederick	0.30	38.08	5.80	74	36	52	2
Frostburg	0.33	36.59	-2.03	69	35	48	1
Hagerstown	0.18	22.87	-8.84	76	39	55	2
Mechanicsville	0.21	36.44	-0.65	70	37	52	-4
Patuxent River	0.58	41.04	6.24	73	37	56	1
Ocean City	0.95	35.29	-1.81	72	37	56	
Salisbury	1.74	30.50	-7.23	71	34	55	-2
Sharpsburg	0.20	29.77	-2.51	76	33	51	
Stevensville	0.88	44.57	10.01	73	37	54	-2
Washington DC Reagan National	0.04	30.48	-1.21	76	42	59	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.29	37.03	0.28	73	40	55	-2
Georgetown	0.56	31.66	-4.72	73	36	55	
Wilmington	0.27	37.74	4.30	74	37	54	

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