



Weather & Crops

CW 3510

November 29, 2010

Dry Weather Helps this Year's Fall Harvest

For the week ending, November 28, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.0** days in Maryland and **6.8** days in Delaware. Soil moisture ratings in Maryland and Delaware were mostly adequate. One crop reporter in Delaware reported: *"Producers are relieved that this year's fall harvest has been better than 2009's wet fall. Small grains appear to be off to a good start. Some late planted grain may be susceptible to cold damage depending on conditions this winter."*

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 85 percent complete in Maryland and 95 percent in Delaware while the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 100 percent complete in both Maryland and Delaware. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was 64 percent complete in Maryland and 45 percent complete in Delaware. In Maryland, soybean reports indicate 98 percent harvested while Delaware reports soybeans are 100 percent harvested. Soybean condition was primarily fair to good in both states. Winter wheat was 100 percent planted and 99 percent emerged in Maryland and 100 percent planted and 98 percent emerged in Delaware. Both barley and winter wheat condition rated primarily good to excellent in both states.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING November 28, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Nov 28 2010	Nov 21 2010	Nov 29 2009	5-Year Average	Nov 28 2010	Nov 21 2010	Nov 29 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	100	95	100	100	100	100	100	100
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	64	58	78	96	45	43	76	95
Other Hay, 4th cutting	85	83	100	100	95	92	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	98	95	70	84	100	99	69	85
Winter Wheat, planted	100	100	95	94	100	99	82	92
Winter Wheat, emerged	99	97	85	83	98	96	71	84

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING November 28, 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	3	17	22	53	5	6	16	24	54	
Barley	1	1	4	65	29			4	81	15
Soybeans	2	17	39	36	6	13	9	22	52	4
Winter Wheat	2	2	4	71	21			4	77	19

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING November 28, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Nov 28	Nov 21	Nov 28	Nov 21	Nov 28	Nov 21	Nov 28	Nov 21
	<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	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Short	7	5	10	11	7	3	16	15
Adequate	87	89	88	84	91	90	84	84
Surplus	3	2	2	1	2	7	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 28, 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	0.05	41.99	4.88	66	29	48	6
Frederick	0.36	41.31	5.06	63	27	44	5
Frostburg	0.89	39.95	-2.82	65	17	37	
Hagerstown	0.26	25.42	-10.18	62	30	43	3
Mechanicsville	0.03	39.49	-1.66	72	28	47	3
Patuxent River		42.76	3.99	74	31	52	8
Ocean City	0.07	37.86	-3.01	72	32	51	6
Salisbury	0.07	33.36	-8.07	70	29	50	5
Sharpsburg	0.17	32.48	-3.77	65	23	41	3
Stevensville	0.17	47.46	9.03	68	29	47	3
Washington DC Reagan National	0.04	33.94	-1.35	69	33	51	5
Delaware							
Dover	0.06	39.17	-1.21	69	33	50	5
Georgetown	0.02	33.46	-6.65	70	35	52	8
Wilmington	0.15	40.49	3.37	63	29	46	3

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