



Weather & Crops

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May 03, 2010

Weather Remains Favorable for Continued Planting

For the week ending, May 2, 2010, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.0** days in Maryland and **6.0** days in Delaware. Soil moisture ratings were primarily adequate. A Western Maryland crop reporter reported, *“Barley is heading out and most of our rye has been harvested for silage. Corn planters are getting no break if the sun is shining the planter is moving with fury.”*

Hay supplies have remained adequate throughout Maryland and Delaware. **Pasture** conditions continued to rate fair to good in both states. **Small grains** are in good condition. Weather has remained favorable for continued planting. **Corn for grain** planting is progressing steadily at 55 percent in Maryland and 71 percent in Delaware. **Potato** planting is over 90 percent in both Maryland and Delaware. **Snap bean** planting has also increased for both states—9 percent planted in Delaware and 24 percent in Maryland. **Fruit** crops are close if not 100 percent bloomed in both states with peaches at 100 percent bloomed in Maryland and apples at 99 percent. Delaware is close behind with apples at 79 percent and peaches at 98 percent bloomed.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING May 2, 2010

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	May 2 2010	Apr 25 2010	May 3 2009	5-Year Average	May 2 2010	Apr 25 2010	May 3 2009	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley, emerged	85	74	100	60	100	100	100	85
Corn, planted	55	33	23	34	71	28	23	41
Corn, emerged	14	4	5	7	8	1	3	9
Winter Wheat, headed	27	9	10	21	38	1	1	16
Cucumbers, planted	29	14	9	16	14		3	5
Green Peas, planted	92	89	88	77	96	91	88	85
Potatoes, planted	96	92	77	87	79	59	92	87
Snap Beans, planted	24	11	16	11	9	1	7	16
Sweet Corn, planted	39	24	24	30	27	8	17	24
Tomatoes, planted	18	11	36	32	4		5	7
Cantaloups, planted	25	8	7	16	5		2	4
Strawberries, bloomed	80	72	68	71	71	50	87	62
Watermelons, planted	13	4	10	19	6		4	6
Apples, bloomed	99	90	16	58	79	56	63	71
Peaches, bloomed	100	90	58	79	98	87	96	96

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING May 2, 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		2	17	63	18	1	11	37	45	6
Barley	3	8	12	63	14	3	14	22	60	1
Winter Wheat	2	14	20	49	15	3	15	24	47	11

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 2, 2010

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	May 2	Apr 25						
	<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	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Short	11	9	9	9	4	1	2	0
Adequate	81	72	85	77	82	69	77	69
Surplus	7	17	6	14	13	30	21	31

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 2, 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 Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>	<i>Degrees Farenheit</i>
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington AP	0.97	14.77	1.91	88	34	59	2
Frederick	1.01	13.09	1.16	88	36	57	5
Frostburg	0.55	13.52	-1.33	86	30	54	4
Hagerstown	0.59	11.24	-0.51	90	39	61	6
Mechanicsville	0.42	13.57	-0.89	87	37	58	0
Patuxent River	0.64	14.18	1.32	89	42	63	5
Ocean City	0.59	16.52	1.38	90	37	59	2
Salisbury	0.43	11.74	-2.94	88	33	61	4
Sharpsburg	2.73	11.73	-0.20	88	29	55	2
Stevensville	0.55	13.97	0.53	87	39	59	0
Washington DC Reagan National	0.33	10.36	-1.17	88	43	63	3
Delaware							
Dover	1.62	15.60	1.75	88	39	60	3
Georgetown	0.41	15.74	1.27	89	37	61	5
Wilmington	0.92	15.16	2.16	86	35	57	2

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