



Weather & Crops

CW 0612

May 7, 2012

Planting Conditions Remain Favorable

For the week ending, May 6, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.0** days in Delaware and **5.6** days in Maryland. Topsoil moisture levels were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Subsoil moisture levels were short to adequate in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. Barley and winter wheat conditions were mostly good in both States. A Maryland crop reporter responded, *"Recent rains have helped with moisture deficits, but have slowed planting progress."*

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING May 6, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	May 6 2012	Apr 29 2012	May 8 2011	5-Year Average	May 6 2012	Apr 29 2012	May 8 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	47	27	6	7	37	27	41	12
Other Hay, 1st cutting	30	18	16	8	38	32	44	15
Barley, headed	95	88	69	26	100	96	49	39
Barley, turned	7				10		12	2
Corn, planted	59	34	36	44	66	42	49	55
Corn, emerged	32	9	9	14	43	20	23	19
Soybeans, planted	4	2	2	4	8		7	4
Winter Wheat, headed	89	67	45	40	89	62	38	34
Cucumbers, planted	14	12	13	18	17	4	12	10
Green Peas, planted	95	94	94	83	100	86	73	87
Potatoes, planted	100	99	96	95	73	69	69	88
Snap Beans, planted	17	11	10	16	26	17	18	18
Sweet Corn, planted	47	34	32	37	38	27	36	31
Tomatoes, planted	20	18	27	30	27	5	27	15
Cantaloups, planted	16	13	13	19	27	12	28	13
Strawberries, bloomed	87	78	69	79	100	100	92	82
Strawberries, harvested	12		1	2	9		5	4
Watermelons, planted	16	12	8	16	34	24	32	17
Apples, bloomed	100	100	95	82	97	92	79	83
Peaches, bloomed	100	100	85	91	100	100	84	96

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING May 6, 2012

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	1	4	29	61	5	2	3	25	62	8
Barley	3	5	16	61	15		4	34	55	7
Winter Wheat	1	2	18	64	15		4	34	55	7

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 6, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	May 6	Apr 29	May 6	Apr 29	May 6	Apr 29	May 6	Apr 29
	<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	6	9	2	0	0	2	2
Short	24	33	33	46	20	35	46	50
Adequate	72	61	58	52	80	65	51	47
Surplus	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 6, 2012

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	0.13	9.05	-4.38	85	46	66	7
Damascus ²	0.09	9.03	-3.87	82	43	65	7
Frostburg	1.23	11.70	-3.90	85	35	64	12
Hagerstown	0.24	8.77	-3.61	85	40	66	9
Mechanicsville	0.72	9.23	-5.86	83	45	66	7
Patuxent River	1.07	11.06	-2.39	85	48	67	8
Ocean City	0.26	9.46	-6.23	82	42	60	2
Salisbury	0.54	10.26	-4.97	84	45	67	8
Sharpsburg	0.96	9.92	-2.61	86	34	64	10
Stevensville	0.37	7.95	-6.10	82	47	63	4
Washington DC Reagan National	0.29	7.85	-4.24	84	50	69	7
Delaware							
Dover	0.16	7.80	-6.69	81	43	62	3
Georgetown	0.16	7.66	-7.36	84	44	64	7
Wilmington	0.82	8.91	-4.69	80	38	61	3

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.