



Weather & Crops

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Corn Planting Winding Down

For the week ending, May 27, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **6.0** days in Delaware and **6.1** days in Maryland. Topsoil moisture levels were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Subsoil moisture levels were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Barley and winter wheat conditions were mostly good in both States. A Delaware crop reporter responded, "Barley and winter wheat turning quickly due to warm temperatures." A Maryland crop reporter responded, "Soybeans and the last of the remaining corn are being planted. Forage harvest progressing well and hay being baled quickly. Vegetables are growing well."

Hay supplies were rated adequate in both states. **Pasture** conditions were mostly fair in Delaware and good in Maryland. In Maryland, the first and second cutting of **alfalfa** hay was 89 percent and 4 percent, respectively. The first cutting of alfalfa was 95 percent complete and the second cutting was 20 percent complete in Delaware. The first cutting of **other hay** was 78 percent complete in Maryland and 93 percent complete in Delaware. The second cutting of other hay was 20 percent complete in Delaware. **Barley** was 100 percent headed and 68 percent turned in Maryland. Delaware barley was 100 percent headed and 55 percent turned. **Corn** was 96 percent planted and 82 percent emerged in Maryland. In Delaware, corn was 99 percent planted and 93 percent emerged. Maryland **soybeans** were 37 percent planted and 16 percent emerged. Soybeans were 64 percent planted and 51 percent emerged in Delaware. **Winter wheat** was 100 percent headed and 50 percent turned in Maryland. Delaware winter wheat was 100 percent headed and 32 percent turned. **Vegetable** planting continued across Maryland and Delaware. **Strawberries** were 70 and 79 percent harvested in Maryland and Delaware, respectively.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING May 27, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	May 27 2012	May 20 2012	May 29 2011	5-Year Average	May 27 2012	May 20 2012	May 29 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 1st cutting	89	80	71	67	95	81	80	71
Alfalfa Hay, 2nd cutting	4		5	1	20			
Other Hay, 1st cutting	78	63	69	59	93	79	76	67
Other Hay, 2nd cutting			2		20			
Barley, headed	100	99	100	72	100	100	94	73
Barley, turned	68	47	63	29	55	34	53	25
Corn, planted	96	91	87	90	99	95	90	94
Corn, emerged	82	64	69	73	93	83	68	78
Soybeans, planted	37	29	36	35	64	38	43	42
Soybeans, emerged	16	10	14	11	51	16	11	19
Winter Wheat, headed	100	99	99	95	100	100	94	96
Winter Wheat, turned	50	11	21	9	32	4	20	10
Cucumbers, planted	69	35	51	41	74	46	39	38
Lima Beans, planted (ALL)	60	38		38	70	30		28
Snap Beans, planted	59	35	36	41	76	46	54	52
Sweet Corn, planted	74	65	57	65	83	58	70	62
Tomatoes, planted	67	45	65	67	89	75	71	65
Cantaloupes, planted	83	54	63	63	77	52	64	58
Strawberries, harvested	70	44	35	40	79	46	54	51
Watermelons, planted	63	33	59	65	85	67	76	67

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING May 27, 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	5	24	66	4	2	19	45	33	1
Barley	1	1	4	77	17		5	27	45	23
Corn			5	75	20			7	83	10
Soybeans				76	24			7	86	7
Winter Wheat		1	9	72	18		5	24	45	26
Apples			19	81					100	
Peaches		3	35	60	2				100	

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING May 27, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	May 27	May 20						
	<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	4	2	4	6	2	1	1	1
Short	21	18	18	22	39	20	34	18
Adequate	75	79	78	72	59	78	65	80
Surplus	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 27, 2012

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	0.60	10.55	-5.42	89	62	74	8
Damascus ²	2.29	13.58	-2.33	86	61	72	7
Frostburg	1.21	15.04	-3.77	84	53	66	8
Hagerstown	4.04	14.26	-0.85	89	61	72	8
Mechanicsville	1.43	12.38	-5.54	86	61	72	6
Patuxent River	0.18	12.45	-3.66	81	63	72	6
Ocean City	0.78	12.74	-5.35	78	61	66	
Salisbury	0.21	11.95	-5.79	87	62	72	7
Sharpsburg	2.91	14.18	-1.16	88	51	71	9
Stevensville	0.19	9.49	-7.29	84	52	71	5
Washington DC Reagan National	0.36	10.28	-4.33	86	66	75	7
Delaware							
Dover	0.34	9.27	-7.95	85	62	71	5
Georgetown	0.17	8.56	-8.98	89	62	72	8
Wilmington	0.22	10.25	-5.99	85	61	72	7

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.

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