



Weather & Crops

CW 2212

August 27, 2012

Continued Rain and Seasonal Temperatures

For the week ending, August 26, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.3** days in Delaware and **5.8** days in Maryland. Average temperatures continued to be seasonal with average temperatures ranging from 3 degrees below normal to 2 degrees above normal. Rain totals ranged from near a half an inch in the West to over 2 and a half inches in the east. The topsoil moisture ratings were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Subsoil ratings were short to very short in Delaware and adequate in Maryland. Hay supplies were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Pasture conditions were fair to good in Maryland and poor to fair in Delaware. Corn was in poor to fair condition in Delaware and fair to good condition in Maryland. Soybeans were in fair to good condition in Delaware and good condition in Maryland. Apples and peaches were in good condition in Maryland and fair to good condition in Delaware. A Delaware crop reporter responded, "Heavy rains caused some flooding in low lying areas." A Maryland crop reporter responded, "Showers provided needed moisture. Corn is maturing quickly. Forages are looking good."

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 93 percent complete and the fourth cutting was 41 percent complete in Maryland. The third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 99 percent complete and 43 percent complete, respectively, in Delaware. The third cutting of **other hay** in Maryland was 35 percent complete and the fourth cutting has just started. The third and fourth cuttings of other hay in Delaware were 56 percent complete and 3 percent complete, respectively. **Corn** progress in Maryland was 95 percent dough, 51 percent dent, 28 percent mature and 2 percent harvested for grain. Delaware corn progress was 100 percent dough, 87 percent dent, 24 percent mature and 2 percent harvested for grain. Corn silage harvest was 34 percent complete in Maryland and 60 percent complete in Delaware. In Maryland, **soybeans** were 100 percent blooming, 84 percent setting pods, 1 percent turning color and not dropping leaves. Delaware soybeans were 98 percent blooming, 76 percent setting pods, 4 percent turning color and 1 percent dropping leaves. **Potato** harvest was 100 percent complete in Maryland and 98 percent complete in Delaware. **Peaches** were 96 percent harvested in Maryland and 100 percent complete in Delaware. **Apple** harvest was 38 percent complete in Maryland and 52 percent complete in Delaware.

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING August 26, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Aug 26 2012	Aug 19 2012	Aug 28 2011	5-Year Average	Aug 26 2012	Aug 19 2012	Aug 28 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 3rd cutting	93	91	89	87	99	93	90	84
Alfalfa Hay, 4th cutting	41	29	16	21	43	41	13	11
Other Hay, 3rd cutting	35	30	30	42	56	50	51	53
Other Hay, 4th cutting				3	3			
Corn, dough	95	89	95	94	100	98	100	90
Corn, dent	51	42	78	66	87	77	84	73
Corn, mature	28	10	25	16	24	7	16	24
Corn, harvested for silage	34	28		3	60	46		22
Corn, harvested for grain	2			2	2			1
Soybeans, bloomed	100	90	97	91	98	95	98	92
Soybeans, setting pods	84	67	86	78	76	70	73	69
Soybeans, turned	1		4	4	4		1	5
Soybeans, dropping leaves				1	1			3
Cucumbers, harvested	79	75	83	80	86	81	79	78
Lima Beans, harvested (Proc)	65	55	62	52	64	59	49	42
Potatoes, harvested	100	98	98	94	98	95	95	80
Snap Beans, harvested	90	86	95	84	82	77	82	84
Sweet Corn, harvested	84	79	80	81	86	83	93	86
Tomatoes, harvested	75	70	79	73	78	73	78	73
Cantaloups, harvested	72	68	81	81	88	84	86	82
Watermelons, harvested	74	64	73	73	89	84	89	85
Apples, harvested	38	33	25	33	52	47	56	30
Peaches, harvested	96	88	91	79	100	98	90	86

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING August 26, 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	4	18	26	47	5	19	25	34	21	1
Corn	5	13	19	44	19	15	25	32	20	8
Soybeans	2	12	17	56	13	4	12	29	34	21
Apples			19	77	4	2	8	29	44	17
Peaches			27	58	15	2	5	62	20	11

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING August 26, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Aug 26	Aug 19	Aug 26	Aug 19	Aug 26	Aug 19	Aug 26	Aug 19
	<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	5	21	12	22	6	4	30	35
Short	20	32	26	35	24	43	40	45
Adequate	68	46	60	43	64	50	29	20
Surplus	7	1	2	0	6	3	1	0

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING August 26, 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	2.08	20.62	-6.54	87	61	74	-1
Damascus ²	0.77	30.51	3.56	83	58	71	-3
Frostburg	0.39	26.87	-5.58	80	51	65	-1
Hagerstown	0.63	23.03	-2.67	85	60	72	-1
Mechanicsville	0.99	22.42	-7.74	85	61	72	-2
Patuxent River	1.34	19.92	-8.08	84	64	75	2
Ocean City	1.99	29.65	-1.07	80	62	71	-3
Salisbury	1.18	21.78	-8.98	87	64	75	2
Sharpsburg	0.32	24.16	-1.85	87	57	71	2
Stevensville	0.66	21.52	-6.63	85	57	74	
Washington DC Reagan National	1.36	18.50	-7.08	89	66	77	
Delaware							
Dover	0.39	16.78	-12.50	84	61	73	-2
Georgetown	2.80	20.19	-9.64	85	64	74	1
Wilmington	0.02	19.65	-7.69	87	60	73	-1

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.