



Weather & Crops

CW 3312

November 13, 2012

Field Work Starts Again

For the week ending, November 11, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.5** days in Maryland and **4.4** days in Delaware. Temperatures were cooler than normal with average temperatures ranging from 6 to 10 degrees below normal. Light rain occurred over Delaware and Eastern Maryland with measurements ranging from 0.03 to 0.89 of an inch. The topsoil and subsoil moisture ratings were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. Pasture conditions were good in Maryland and fair in Delaware. Hay supplies were adequate in Delaware and Maryland. A Delaware crop reporter responded, "*Some wheat was damaged by heavy rains and tidal surge. Farmers will replant those fields. Some fields have residue from Hurricane Sandy. Farmers have had a few good days for soybean harvest. The ground seems to have soaked up the rain.*" A Maryland crop reporter responded, "*Fall Harvest had a good week. Soil moisture is excellent for small grain germination. Some farmers are still harvesting corn for grain.*"

Corn progress in Maryland was 96 percent harvested for grain. Delaware corn progress was 100 percent harvested for grain. In Maryland, **soybeans** were 78 percent harvested. Delaware soybeans were 74 percent harvested. The fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 94 percent complete in Maryland and 58 percent complete in Delaware. The third cutting of **other hay** in Maryland was 95 percent complete and the fourth cutting 29 percent complete. The third and fourth cuttings of other hay in Delaware were 100 percent complete and 80 percent complete, respectively. **Winter wheat** planting was 92 percent complete in Maryland and 92 percent complete in Delaware. In Maryland, **barley** planting was 98 percent complete, while in Delaware it was 100 percent complete.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING November 11, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Nov 11 2012	Nov 4 2012	Nov 13 2011	5-Year Average	Nov 11 2012	Nov 4 2012	Nov 13 2011	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	94	90	34	54	58	55	31	48
Other Hay, 3rd cutting	95	94	97	93	100	100	99	98
Other Hay, 4th cutting	29	19	64	68	80	78	68	71
Barley, planted	98	96	94	97	100	99	99	98
Corn, harvested for grain	96	93	93	93	100	99	100	97
Soybeans, harvested	78	60	64	70	74	66	57	65
Winter Wheat, planted	92	86	91	89	92	87	88	83
Winter Wheat, emerged	83	72	61	69	70	64	67	64

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING November 11, 2012

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>									
Pasture	1	8	26	58	7	3	11	52	32	2
Winter Wheat	3	3	4	74	16	5	7	30	36	22

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING November 11, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Nov 11	Nov 4						
	<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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Adequate	77	51	84	69	77	77	91	91
Surplus	23	48	16	30	22	23	8	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 11, 2012

Station	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			Departur e From Normal
	Total This Week	Since January 1		High	Low	Average	
		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	0.06	33.92	-1.39	63	28	43	-6
Damascus ²		43.96	8.53	69	26	43	-7
Frostburg		35.87	-4.92	64	22	36	-7
Hagerstown		34.27	0.43	61	26	41	-6
Mechanicsville	0.18	35.15	-4.10	69	27	42	-8
Patuxent River	0.15	34.61	-2.28	58	35	45	-6
Ocean City	0.57	44.13	4.94	58	30	44	-8
Salisbury	0.21	39.69	-0.05	62	31	45	-7
Sharpsburg		41.24	6.87	64	24	40	-6
Stevensville	0.18	35.58	-1.01	59	25	41	-10
Washington DC Reagan National	0.03	28.95	-4.64	65	34	47	-6
Delaware							
Dover	0.57	30.22	-8.44	61	29	43	-9
Georgetown	0.89	32.22	-6.22	65	29	44	-6
Wilmington	0.24	32.87	-2.46	59	26	42	-7

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

² Frederick replaced with Damascus.