



Weather & Crops

CW 3412

November 19, 2012

Harvest and Planting Winding Down

For the week ending, November 18, 2012, the days suitable for fieldwork were **5.7** days in Maryland and **5.7** days in Delaware. Temperatures were seasonal with average temperatures ranging from 4 degrees below to 2 degrees above average. Rain occurred over all of Delaware and Maryland reporting stations with measurements ranging from 0.09 to 0.92 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, "*Fields Planted to wheat in river bottoms and low lying fields are being replanted. Some shortages of wheat seed are reported. Soybean harvest is almost complete. Hurricane Sandy caused corn residue to be deposited in ditches, roads and lawns.*" A Maryland crop reporter responded, "*Farmers are working on harvesting their soybeans and planting their small grains. Rains and cloudy skies kept soil moist and slowed progress.*"

In Maryland, **soybeans** were 86 percent harvested. Delaware soybeans were 91 percent harvested. The fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 96 percent complete in Maryland and 68 percent complete in Delaware. The fourth cutting of **other hay** in Maryland was 33 percent complete. The fourth cutting of other hay in Delaware was 84 percent complete. **Winter wheat** planting was 97 percent complete in Maryland and 97 percent complete in Delaware. Winter wheat condition in Maryland was good while in Delaware it was rated good to excellent.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING November 18, 2012

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Nov 18 2012	Nov 11 2012	Nov 20 2011	5-Year Average	Nov 18 2012	Nov 11 2012	Nov 20 2011	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alfalfa Hay, 5th cutting	96	94	42	62	68	58	43	57
Other Hay, 4th cutting	33	29	66	77	84	80	73	81
Soybeans, harvested	86	78	80	79	91	74	78	77
Winter Wheat, planted	97	92	97	96	97	92	96	89
Winter Wheat, emerged	89	83	69	81	84	70	84	75

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING November 18, 2012

Crop	Maryland					Delaware				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Pasture	1	5	10	72	12	3	11	52	32	2
Winter Wheat	1	1	3	62	33	1	5	30	31	33

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING November 18, 2012

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Nov 18	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 11
	<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	0	0	0	2	1	3	1
Adequate	83	77	89	84	85	77	90	91
Surplus	17	23	11	16	13	22	7	8

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 18, 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	0.44	34.36	-1.72	69	29	45	-3
Damascus	0.92	44.88	8.68	67	29	43	-4
Frostburg	0.13	36.00	-5.63	65	24	39	-2
Hagerstown	0.44	34.71	0.10	65	29	44	1
Mechanicsville	0.60	35.75	-4.34	72	29	44	-4
Patuxent River	0.12	34.73	-3.00	67	34	49	1
Ocean City	0.18	44.31	4.41	64	33	49	
Salisbury	0.09	39.78	-0.66	69	31	49	1
Sharpsburg	0.78	42.02	6.81	68	24	42	-2
Stevensville	0.33	35.91	-1.45	67	35	46	-3
Washington DC Reagan National	0.51	29.46	-4.84	72	36	49	
Delaware							
Dover	0.26	30.48	-8.92	73	30	46	-4
Georgetown	0.13	32.35	-6.79	73	31	48	2
Wilmington	0.13	33.00	-3.10	67	29	45	-2

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