



Weather & Crops

CW 0313

April 15, 2013

Warmer Weather Aides Spring Activities Progress

For the week ending, April 14, 2013, the days suitable for fieldwork were 5 days in Delaware and Maryland. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels were mostly adequate. Barley and winter wheat conditions were mostly good to excellent in both States. A Delaware crop reporter responded, "Small grain is jumping from the recent warm weather..." A Maryland crop reporter responded, "Potato planting has jumped during the last 7 days, and the warmer temperatures are driving fruit tree progress..."

Hay supplies were adequate in Maryland, but were slightly short in Delaware. **Green peas** planted in Maryland and Delaware were at 40 and 60 percent planted, respectively. **Potatoes** were 58 percent planted in Maryland and 42 percent planted in Delaware. Maryland **sweet corn** held at 5 percent planted. Other vegetable crops remained under 5 percent planted in both States. **Apples** were 9 percent bloomed for Maryland and 10 percent bloomed in Delaware. **Peaches** were 38 percent bloomed in Maryland and 31 percent in Delaware. **Strawberries** were 12 percent bloomed in Maryland and 17 percent bloomed in Delaware. **Small grains** remained in good condition. **Pasture** conditions were mostly rated fair in both States.

MARYLAND & DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING April 14, 2013

Crop	Maryland				Delaware			
	Apr 14 2013	Apr 7 2013	Apr 15 2012	5-Year Average	Apr 14 2013	Apr 7 2013	Apr 15 2012	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Green Peas, planted	40	11	56	53	60	34	72	65
Potatoes, planted	58	20	82	59	42	25	45	43
Sweet Corn, planted	5	5	12	11	2	1	16	6
Strawberries, bloomed	12	10	44	40	17	4	57	34
Apples, bloomed	9		92	38	10		27	18
Peaches, bloomed	38	3	92	42	31	8	60	53

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING April 14, 2013

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	37	49	9	4	11	48	34	3
Barley	1	1	19	77	2	1	3	11	50	35
Winter Wheat	1	1	18	64	16	1	3	15	51	30

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING April 14, 2013

Condition	Maryland				Delaware			
	Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture		Topsoil Moisture		Subsoil Moisture	
	Apr 14	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 7
	<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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	8	2	8	1	1	0	0	0
Adequate	81	66	82	81	94	90	90	91
Surplus	11	31	10	18	5	10	10	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 14, 2013

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	0.67	9.10	-1.85	91	40	64	13
Damascus	0.62	10.38	0.17	89	41	64	12
Frostburg	1.23	9.71	-2.46	82	32	59	14
Hagerstown	0.63	6.64	-3.05	89	40	64	15
Mechanicsville	0.79	11.00	-1.40	91	34	64	12
Patuxent River	0.70	9.13	-1.81	87	42	65	12
Ocean City	0.17	13.99	0.69	83	38	59	8
Salisbury	0.42	13.13	0.31	90	41	67	16
Sharpsburg	0.49	8.93	-0.95	90	36	62	16
Stevensville	0.98	9.86	-1.57	88	41	62	10
Washington DC Reagan National	0.80	8.09	-1.74	91	48	68	14
Delaware							
Dover	0.89	8.61	-3.13	88	41	63	11
Georgetown	0.60	12.08	-0.40	89	41	65	15
Wilmington	1.13	9.80	-1.11	90	39	61	11

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