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Crop Progress & Condition



Maryland
& Delaware

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Excellent Week for Field Work: Both Maryland and Delaware had 6 days suitable for field work. In Maryland corn is nearly all through the dough phase and corn is starting to be harvested for grain and silage. Peaches, sweet corn, and watermelon, are nearly all harvested in Maryland. In Delaware, cantaloupes, snap beans and sweet corn are almost completely harvested. Corn for grain and silage are just beginning to be harvested and farmers had just stated their fourth cutting of hay.

Temperatures for this week will range from the upper 70's to the lower 80's. Rain is not expected this week, which should be good for field work. Field activities should include cutting hay, harvesting fruits and vegetables, and planting cover crops.

MD Crop Progress (in %):

| | September 14th | Last Year | 5-year Average |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Alfalfa 4 rd Cutting | 74 | 48 | 52 |
| Apples Harvested | 50 | 46 | 49 |
| Cantaloupes Harvested | 90 | 94 | 93 |
| Corn Dough | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn Dented | 82 | 92 | 92 |
| Corn Mature | 52 | 65 | 65 |
| Corn Harvested for Grain | 5 | 11 | 18 |
| Corn Harvested for Silage | 21 | 80 | 77 |
| Cucumbers Harvested | 93 | 92 | 94 |
| Lima Beans Harvested | 63 | 79 | 75 |
| Other Hay 2 nd Cutting | 81 | 100 | 100 |
| Other Hay 3 rd Cutting | 42 | 70 | 65 |
| Peaches Harvested | 97 | 98 | 98 |
| Potatoes Harvested | 92 | 100 | 100 |
| Snap Beans Harvested | 84 | 95 | 95 |
| Soybeans Fully Podded | 86 | n/a | n/a |
| Soybean Coloring | 32 | 32 | 28 |
| Dropping Leaves | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sweet Corn Harvested | 95 | 93 | 93 |
| Tomatoes Harvested | 89 | 87 | 89 |
| Watermelons Harvested | 96 | 90 | 93 |

MD Moisture for Week Ending September 14th, 2014 (100% total)

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Subsoil | 0% | 17% | 83% | 0% |
| Topsoil | 1% | 16% | 78% | 5% |

MD Crop Condition (in %):

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Apples | 0 | 1 | 2 | 95 | 2 |
| Corn | 1 | 3 | 7 | 58 | 31 |
| Pasture | 1 | 5 | 16 | 55 | 23 |
| Soybean | 1 | 5 | 16 | 51 | 27 |

DE Crop Progress (in %):

| | September 14th | Last Year | 5-year Average |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting | 79 | 100 | 100 |
| Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting | 64 | 99 | 98 |
| Alfalfa 4 th Cutting | 27 | 59 | 44 |
| Apples Harvested | 64 | 65 | 64 |
| Cantaloupes Harvested | 95 | 99 | 97 |
| Corn Dough | 90 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn Dented | 85 | 97 | 97 |
| Corn Mature | 56 | 75 | 75 |
| Corn Harvested for Grain | 8 | 22 | 22 |
| Corn for Silages | 25 | 78 | 71 |
| Cucumbers Harvested | 93 | 98 | 96 |
| Lima Beans Harvested | 89 | 99 | 94 |
| Other Hay 2 nd Cutting | 94 | 100 | 100 |
| Other Hay 3 rd Cutting | 67 | 81 | 83 |
| Other Hay 4 th Cutting | 7 | 15 | 14 |
| Peaches Harvested | 78 | 100 | 99 |
| Potatoes Harvested | 60 | 98 | 97 |
| Snap Beans Harvested | 95 | 98 | 94 |
| Soybeans Setting Pods | 94 | 91 | 95 |
| Soybeans Fully Podded | 58 | n/a | n/a |
| Soybeans Coloring | 12 | 7 | 16 |
| Sweet Corn Harvested | 95 | 97 | 97 |
| Tomatoes Harvested | 89 | 99 | 94 |

**DE Moisture for Week Ending September 14th, 2014
(100% total)**

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Subsoil | 6% | 46% | 48% | 0% |
| Topsoil | 10% | 28% | 62% | 0% |

DE Crop Condition (in %):

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Apples | 2 | 5 | 24 | 63 | 6 |
| Corn | 3 | 5 | 24 | 56 | 12 |
| Pasture | 3 | 16 | 46 | 32 | 3 |
| Soybean | 3 | 12 | 26 | 48 | 11 |

Hay and Roughage Supplies

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| MD | 0% | 7% | 77% | 16% |
| DE | 0% | 16% | 78% | 6% |

September 14, 2014 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2014 | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|------|---------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| Maryland | Baltimore_Washi | 89 | 49 | 70 | +2 | 0.15 | 1 | 27.54 | +7.73 | 52 | 3213 | +168 | 4850 |
| | Beltsville | 86 | 49 | 69 | -2 | 0.26 | 3 | 26.99 | +5.73 | 64 | 3122 | +17 | 4755 |
| | Brighton_Dam | 85 | 48 | 67 | -2 | 0.12 | 1 | 27.17 | +5.21 | 55 | 2853 | -27 | 4466 |
| | Cumberland | 84 | 43 | 66 | -2 | 0.40 | 3 | 22.78 | +4.04 | 69 | 2966 | +130 | 4573 |
| | Emmitsburg | 85 | 44 | 66 | -3 | 0.09 | 1 | 28.20 | +6.27 | 63 | 2719 | -154 | 4337 |
| | Frostburg | 79 | 40 | 61 | -2 | 0.46 | 3 | 21.75 | -0.31 | 72 | 2083 | +139 | 3625 |
| | Hagerstown_AP | 84 | 46 | 67 | -2 | 0.15 | 1 | 23.02 | +3.56 | 57 | 3018 | +149 | 4636 |
| | Mechanicsville | 85 | 51 | 69 | -2 | 0.16 | 3 | 18.15 | -4.28 | 60 | 3086 | -58 | 4722 |
| | Millers_4NE | 83 | 45 | 66 | -2 | 0.08 | 1 | 23.01 | +2.43 | 71 | 2745 | +16 | 4363 |
| | Ocean_City_AP | 83 | 57 | 72 | +1 | 0.99 | 4 | 17.25 | -4.86 | 44 | 3032 | -214 | 4664 |
| | Oxon_Hill | 89 | 53 | 71 | +2 | 0.29 | 1 | 25.14 | +3.27 | 58 | 3300 | +187 | 4946 |
| | Patuxent_River | 90 | 58 | 73 | +1 | 0.57 | 3 | 21.18 | +0.38 | 54 | 3334 | -15 | 4979 |
| | Reisterstown | 84 | 48 | 66 | -3 | 0.13 | 2 | 25.34 | +4.71 | 70 | 2673 | -320 | 4296 |
| | Salisbury_AP | 87 | 58 | 73 | +3 | 0.72 | 3 | 15.88 | -6.32 | 41 | 3567 | +401 | 5218 |
| | Savage_River_Da | 76 | 43 | 63 | -1 | 0.33 | 2 | 16.80 | -3.70 | 56 | 2223 | +107 | 3783 |
| | Sharpsburg_5S | 85 | 42 | 65 | -3 | 0.11 | 3 | 27.23 | +7.16 | 66 | 2677 | +23 | 4272 |
| | Sines_Deep_Cree | 81 | 42 | 61 | -2 | 0.59 | 4 | 27.83 | +3.23 | 88 | 1946 | -30 | 3470 |
| Stevensville | 82 | 44 | 69 | -2 | 0.18 | 2 | 21.65 | +0.29 | 62 | 3285 | +117 | 4930 | |
| Washington_DC_A | 91 | 56 | 74 | +3 | 0.23 | 1 | 23.24 | +4.65 | 54 | 3872 | +379 | 5535 | |
| Delaware | Dover_AFB | 88 | 51 | 70 | -2 | 0.19 | 1 | 17.10 | -5.56 | 51 | 3158 | -115 | 4789 |
| | Georgetown_AP | 86 | 55 | 71 | +2 | 0.31 | 2 | 20.99 | -0.81 | 52 | 3316 | +358 | 4958 |
| | Wilmington_DE | 86 | 49 | 70 | +1 | 0.46 | 1 | 27.11 | +6.31 | 51 | 3176 | +155 | 4816 |

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Corn harvest picking up steam, lack of precipitation recently will affect the soybean crop.

Sussex County, DE – John Timmons

Noticing early death of soybeans in spots/areas of fields.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Some thundershowers.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Farmers have started harvesting corn silage, and are expecting very good yields this year.

Soybean pods have not filled out yet and only a hint of turning is appearing in some fields. Corn is starting to turn.

Montgomery & Howard Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

Cooler temperatures moved in during the last reporting period, temperatures as low as 48 degrees F were reported. Peach harvest is complete and apples harvest is continuing. Soybeans are showing color. Some areas show double crop beans as short, and others are tall related to available moisture during the season. Silage harvest has not been hampered by wet weather to a great degree at this point. Corn is maturing quickly. Barley planting has moved forward without any problems. .25 inches of rain was recorded through much of the region during the last reporting period.

Worcester County, MD – Jessie Flores

Worcester County had a considerable amount of rain last week; temperatures are being to cool to the 50's at night.

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