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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Delaware had 4.5 and Maryland had 6.0 days suitable for field work. In Maryland, soybeans are fully podded and tomatoes have been nearly all harvested. Farmers have also begun to plant winter wheat in fields that have already been harvested. In Delaware, farmers have finished their second and third cuttings of alfalfa, and their third cutting of other hay. Barley has begun to be planted in fields that have already been harvested. Delaware fields are also experiencing a little more moisture stress than Maryland. Corn harvested for silage is coming along nicely and corn harvested for grain is seeing large yields in both states.

Temperatures for this week will range from the upper 60's to the upper 70's. Showers are expected on Wednesday and Friday. Field activities should include harvesting grains, and planting wheat and barley.

### MD Moisture for Week Ending September 28th, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1%	11%	88%	0%
Topsoil	1%	11%	88%	0%

### MD Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	5	22	53	17
Pasture	2	10	17	38	23
Soybean	2	4	18	50	26

### MD Crop Progress (in %):

	September 28th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	81	59	66
Alfalfa 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	23	n/a	n/a
Apples Harvested	62	69	71
Barley Planted	19	29	31
Corn Dented	94	99	98
Corn Mature	80	91	88
Corn Harvested for Grain	20	42	43
Corn Harvested for Silage	81	95	91
Lima Beans Harvested	87	86	88
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	87	n/a	n/a
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	54	92	82
Other hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	11	17	16
Snap Beans Harvested	89	98	99
Soybeans Fully Podded	96	100	100
Soybean Coloring	69	58	63
Soybean Dropping Leaves	31	33	33
Soybean Mature	18	n/a	n/a
Tomatoes Harvested	95	95	95
Winter Wheat	6	20	18

**DE Moisture for Week Ending September 28th, 2014**

**(100% total)**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	6%	41%	53%	0%
Topsoil	8%	29%	63%	0%

**DE Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	5	22	53	17
Pasture	3	14	42	36	5
Soybean	4	15	26	39	16

**Hay and Roughage Supplies**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1%	16%	78%	5%
DE	0%	0%	65%	35%

**DE Crop Progress (in %):**

	September 28th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	100	100	100
Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	95	100	100
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	61	73	64
Apples Harvested	81	76	75
Corn Dented	93	100	99
Corn Mature	80	92	93
Corn Harvested for Grain	34	61	53
Corn for Silage	59	92	91
Barley Planted	7	21	14
Lima Beans Harvested	84	79	89
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	95	100	95
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	28	37	35
Potatoes Harvested	64	n/a	n/a
Soybeans Fully Podded	78	n/a	n/a
Soybeans Coloring	68	54	62
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	44	54	62
Soybeans Mature	17	n/a	n/a
Tomatoes Harvested	92	100	99

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## September 28, 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	84	44	63	-2	1.36	2	28.91	+7.26	55	3410	+148	5187
	Beltsville	84	43	64	-2	0.86	3	27.72	+4.41	65	3326	-9	5099
	Brighton_Dam	80	43	60	-4	0.87	2	28.04	+4.14	57	3013	-75	4766
	Cumberland	85	41	62	0	0.00	0	22.78	+2.59	69	3136	+106	4883
	Emmitsburg	83	42	60	-4	0.88	2	29.08	+5.17	65	2866	-210	4624
	Frostburg	76	38	58	0	0.04	1	21.79	-1.91	73	2186	+121	3868
	Hagerstown_AP	83	43	63	-1	0.61	3	23.63	+2.47	60	3202	+135	4960
	Mechanicsville	84	46	62	-4	0.55	2	18.88	-5.62	63	3263	-111	5039
	Millers_4NE	80	41	62	-2	0.79	2	23.81	+1.30	74	2913	-10	4671
	Ocean_City_AP	79	49	66	-1	2.13	2	19.50	-4.22	48	3262	-235	5034
	Oxon_Hill	86	50	65	-1	0.60	2	25.74	+1.92	60	3518	+173	5304
	Patuxent_River	81	52	66	-2	0.79	2	21.97	-0.59	56	3565	-47	5350
	Reisterstown	80	43	62	-3	1.34	3	26.71	+4.18	74	2838	-365	4601
	Salisbury_AP	83	49	67	+2	1.35	2	17.30	-6.57	45	3822	+413	5613
	Savage_River_Da	80	39	58	-1	0.04	1	16.84	-5.28	57	2332	+78	4032
	Sharpsburg_5S	84	38	59	-3	0.62	2	27.85	+6.13	68	2813	-20	4548
	Sines_Deep_Cree	78	36	57	-1	0.15	1	27.97	+1.74	90	2041	-64	3705
	Stevensville	82	54	66	+1	1.19	3	22.85	-0.48	66	3499	+102	5284
	Washington_DC_A	86	54	69	+2	0.71	2	23.95	+3.58	56	4151	+397	5954
Delaware	Dover_AFB	80	44	63	-4	2.84	3	19.94	-4.78	54	3361	-166	5132
	Georgetown_AP	81	49	65	0	2.55	2	23.59	+0.09	55	3536	+352	5318
	Wilmington_DE	83	43	64	-1	1.17	2	28.39	+5.70	54	3374	+133	5154

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

Big yield on corn-expected yields on soy beans high.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Mid week showers were welcome but too little too late. Corn harvest is ramping up and reports are favorable for yields.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Some corn still has 10% green but it will all have turned in a few days. Soybeans have been quickly turning and will probably be completely turned by the end of the week. We had a day of rain but I am still not seeing surplus amounts anywhere.

Montgomery & Howard Counties, MD - Charles Schuster

Temperatures are variable from lows in the 40s to upper 80 degrees during the last reporting period. 0.85 inches of rain in Howard County, and 0.75 inches in Montgomery County fell during this reporting period, which provided much needed moisture for fall planted grains, and for double crop soybeans as well as pasture. Corn harvested is ranging in the 26% moisture range currently. Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs have been more noticeable in the last week. Pastures are in need of more moisture to keep up with livestock need. Corn harvest has been strong.

St. Mary's County, MD – Ben Bale

Grain harvest continues at a good rate. Some rains this week will help with small grain planting and emergence. Pumpkin harvest is underway with good yields reported.

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