

Crop Progress & Condition



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Good Week for Field Work: Delaware had of 6 suitable for field work while Maryland had 4 days.

Most areas of Maryland and Delaware saw about 3 days of precipitation last week. The rainfall combined with the melting snow and ice have led to relatively high surpluses in sub and topsoil moisture. Average temperatures ranged from 45°- 55°. Wheat and barley have not headed yet in the region due to lingering winter conditions. Only a small amount of green peas were reported as planted in Delaware while field corn has not yet been planted in either state. Looking to the week ahead, temperatures in the region will range from the high 40's at night to the high 60's during the day with rain showers towards the beginning of the week.

Field activities for the week are very limited due to wet conditions.

Maryland Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 6, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	0%	78%	22%
Subsoil	0%	0%	69%	31%

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	0	1	59	38	2
Pasture	0	8	37	51	4
Winter Wheat	0	2	25	71	2

Delaware Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 6, 2014 (100% total)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	0%	78%	22%
Subsoil	0%	0%	85%	15%

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	1	2	10	80	7
Pasture	17	22	34	20	7
Winter Wheat	1	2	9	80	8

Crop Progress (in %):

	April 6	Last Year	5-year Average
Green Peas Planted	16	32	22

For the Period: March 31, 2014
 To: April 6, 2014

LAST WEEK WEATHER SUMMARY | April 1, 2014 - April 6, 2014

STATION	TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION			GDD BASE 50F			BASE 40F		TOT
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN	TOTAL	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	
MARYLAND												
Baltimore_Washi	65	33	49	+0	1.40	4	0.15	-0.48	3	13	+1	66
Beltsville	66	29	49	-1	1.20	2	0.01	-0.66	1	15	+2	65
Brighton_Dam	65	28	48	-1	1.25	1	0.00	-0.72	0	11	+0	59
Cumberland	70	28	49	+1	0.38	4	0.35	-0.26	3	17	+5	63
Emmitsburg	65	30	47	-2	0.60	4	0.13	-0.65	3	5	-7	52
Frostburg	71	24	45	+4	0.56	5	0.53	-0.24	4	7	+7	45
Hagerstown_AP	66	30	49	+2	0.32	3	0.07	-0.59	2	19	+12	67
Mechanicsville	67	30	50	-2	0.35	1	0.00	-0.76	0	13	-8	70
Millers_4NE	61	30	48	+1	1.08	5	0.19	-0.50	4	6	-3	51
Ocean_City_AP	63	34	49	-4	0.18	2	0.09	-0.65	1	6	-13	56
Oxon_Hill	68	34	52	-1	0.87	3	0.03	-0.63	2	25	+2	82
Patuxent_River	65	33	50	-2	0.18	2	0.03	-0.68	1	17	-2	70
Reisterstown	65	32	49	-1	1.34	5	0.32	-0.34	4	8	-4	62
Salisbury_AP	73	32	53	+3	0.31	2	0.01	-0.74	1	31	+16	86
Savage_River_Da	71	26	45	+3	0.25	2	0.25	-0.41	2	8	+8	48
Sharpsburg_5S	69	26	47	+1	0.67	3	0.04	-0.61	2	10	+5	55
Sines_Deep_Cree	71	23	45	+2	0.77	4	0.67	-0.11	3	6	+6	46
Stevensville	62	33	48	-2	1.00	4	0.07	-0.62	3	6	-7	59
Washington_DC_A	69	39	55	+3	0.94	2	0.06	-0.51	1	39	+16	99
DELAWARE												
Dover_AFB	63	34	49	-3	0.51	2	0.05	-0.70	1	9	-8	60
Georgetown_AP	67	33	51	+3	0.28	3	0.02	-0.74	2	17	+5	72
Wilmington_DE	65	32	49	+0	0.74	3	0.13	-0.57	2	8	-1	58

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

Normals period 1970-2000 Used in DFN calculations

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

Sloppy field conditions = slow topdressing of small grain - hard to spread manure. Peas are being planted now that should have been planted back in March.

Cool and wet = everything is slow/behind.

Allegany County, MD

Becky Yost

The snow has just recently melting and the first signs of spring are appearing. The daffodils are just starting to pop up, but grasses are still dormant. No crops have been planted.

Harford County, MD

Patricia Hoopes

Cool wet conditions have kept farmers out of the fields unless absolutely necessary. Rainfall has made the lagoons fill up so manure is being applied to the fields.

Howard and Montgomery Counties, MD

Charles Schuster

Rain and snow again this week keep most field activities on hold. Wheat is starting to green up, but many fields cannot be accessed to apply nitrogen, and with winter damage, producers are evaluating options. Temperatures have improved but are still cool for the season.

Washington County, MD

Jeff Selmer

Still too cold to plant; awaiting warming to start.

St. Mary's County, MD

Thomas Kerr

Wet weather continues to hamper field activities.

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