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Good Week for Field Work: Delaware had 4.5 and Maryland had an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work. In Maryland Potatoes started planting but it is behind schedule compare to last year's 14 percent planting average. Green peas is coming in better shape compare to last week's 5 percent, but still behind schedule compare to Delaware's. Field activities for the region this week are finally underway with some farmers plowing, planting and fertilizing. Field activities for this week would focus on small grain planting in continuation with corn field plating and green peas.

MD Crop Progress as of April 12, 2015 (In percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Green Peas Planted	16	5	9	31
Potatoes Planted	6	<5	14	41

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 12, 2015 (In percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	0	71	29
Subsoil	0	0	93	7

MD Crop Conditions as of April 12, 2015 (In percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	5	12	26	47	10
Pasture & Range	1	8	25	61	5
Winter Wheat	3	8	31	51	7

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 12, 2015

(In percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	12	13	44	31
Subsoil	8	12	49	31

DE Crop Progress as of April 12, 2015

(In percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Green Peas Planted	26	13	29	48

DE Crop Conditions as of April 12, 2015

(In percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	2	5	52	34	7
Pasture & Range	5	12	44	30	9
Winter Wheat	4	7	49	38	2

April 12, 2015 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		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	76	33	52	+1	1.45	5	1.58	+0.35	7	53	+23	153
	Beltsville	75	35	52	+1	0.59	5	0.79	-0.51	7	38	+7	139
	Brighton_Dam	78	31	50	-1	1.24	3	1.41	+0.03	5	32	+6	120
	Cumberland	78	33	54	+4	0.68	5	1.05	-0.16	8	39	+10	153
	Emmitsburg	75	32	50	-2	0.30	3	0.52	-0.99	6	26	-3	122
	Frostburg	71	26	49	+7	0.98	5	1.42	-0.13	8	17	+17	94
	Hagerstown_AP	76	35	54	+5	0.31	5	0.77	-0.55	7	60	+41	164
	Mechanicsville	76	31	52	-2	0.71	4	0.82	-0.65	5	45	-3	145
	Millers_4NE	74	34	52	+3	0.40	3	0.63	-0.72	6	43	+21	142
	Ocean_City_AP	70	34	52	-2	0.32	4	0.58	-0.83	6	44	-1	132
	Oxon_Hill	77	38	53	-2	0.11	5	0.32	-0.94	7	49	-3	156
	Patuxent_River	73	34	53	+1	0.48	5	0.54	-0.80	7	67	+22	171
	Reisterstown	73	37	49	-3	0.39	6	0.54	-0.72	9	24	-6	111
	Salisbury_AP	78	31	54	+2	0.32	4	0.47	-0.96	6	65	+29	159
	Savage_River_Da	71	30	50	+6	1.18	5	1.54	+0.22	7	18	+18	102
	Sharpsburg_5S	77	29	51	+3	0.39	4	0.63	-0.64	7	37	+21	121
	Sines_Deep_Cree	70	17	49	+4	1.41	5	2.15	+0.59	8	18	+18	93
Stevensville	72	39	51	0	0.56	5	0.69	-0.66	7	37	+5	139	
Upper_Marlboro	75	36	52	+1	0.59	5	0.79	-0.52	7	42	+10	144	
Washington_DC_A	77	43	57	+4	0.35	4	0.60	-0.51	6	96	+43	212	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	73	37	53	+1	0.87	3	1.00	-0.43	5	61	+22	162
	Georgetown_AP	76	35	53	+3	0.41	3	0.69	-0.76	5	65	+38	160
	Wilmington_DE	74	34	50	+1	0.91	4	1.16	-0.20	6	40	+18	129

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

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Calvert County & Prince George, MD – Chris Dowell

For Calvert and Prince George's: Small grain and hay are finally greening up. A lot more topdressing has been done about 90% done first pass and some tillage work has also been done.

Frederick County, MD – Stan Full

Corn planting began this week.

Harford County, MD - Patricia Hoopes

Farmers are fertilizing the cover crops

Howard County & Montgomery, MD - Charles Schuster

Winter seems to finally be giving up. Soil temperatures have reached 52 degrees F (8 a.m. temps) when air temperature is 40 degrees F. Wheat is now showing green up progress. Pastures and forages are greening up. Moisture last week is not slowing field work except in rare locations.