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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Delaware and Maryland had an average 7.0 days suitable for field work. In Maryland Apples nearly fully bloom, cantaloupes, tomatoes, and corn planting ahead of schedule compare to last year. Both state's barley headed, also ahead of last year's and same as five years headed percentage average in Maryland. In Delaware corn starting to emerge, green peas more than half way planted, cucumber planting is also ahead schedule, alfalfa first cutting, for the season is going on some part of the region. Field activities include corn planting, lima beans planting and hay cutting. Temperatures reached a high of 89 Fahrenheit degree in Cumberland, MD and a low of 42 Fahrenheit degree in Frostburg, MD with average a high on the 70's for the region.

## MD Crop Progress as of May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	97	31	81	96
BARLEY: HEADED	65	<5	58	65
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	17	7	21	7
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	26	0	16	23
CORN: PLANTED	54	15	41	58
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	21	<5	21	26
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	7	N/A	10	22
GREEN PEAS: PLANTED	41	29	69	88
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	71	70	89	96
POTATOES: PLANTED	28	13	88	97
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	19	0	14	20
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	76	38	71	80
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	19	<5	32	42
TOMATOES: PLANTED	25	<5	21	30
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	8	0	24	57
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	5	0	19	20

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	7	24	64	5
SUBSOIL	4	15	77	4

## MD Crop Conditions as of May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	4	7	17	60	12
HAY, ALFALFA	1	2	15	67	15
HAY, OTHER	2	8	17	65	8
PASTURE & RANGE	1	4	24	53	18
WINTER WHEAT	1	4	18	70	7

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 10, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	8	44	43	5
SUBSOIL	3	10	82	5

**DE Crop Conditions as of May 10, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	3	6	44	35	12
HAY, ALFALFA	0	2	17	71	10
HAY, OTHER	0	3	23	62	12
PASTURE & RANGE	4	7	45	37	7
WINTER WHEAT	3	7	43	40	7

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of May 10, 2015**  
(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	3	17	79	1
DE	11	25	62	2

**DE Crop Progress as of May 10, 2015**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	72	53	65	85
BARLEY: HEADED	65	11	40	78
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	8	N/A	<5	<5
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	14	N/A	13	27
CORN: PLANTED	55	16	45	67
CORN: EMERGED	19	N/A	17	31
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	9	N/A	5	16
GREEN PEAS: PLANTED	82	78	71	89
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	26	N/A	<5	30
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	88	81	87	96
POTATOES: PLANTED	49	34	62	82
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	13	N/A	6	24
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	40	27	44	85
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	13	5	26	39
TOMATOES: PLANTED	19	N/A	18	27
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	23	N/A	25	35
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	20	<5	9	55

## May 10, 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	85	50	70	+11	0.02	2	4.35	+0.17	17	355	+129	725
	Beltsville	84	50	69	+10	0.35	2	4.79	+0.03	17	334	+106	701
	Brighton_Dam	83	47	67	+9	0.03	1	4.04	-0.91	16	287	+84	642
	Cumberland	89	45	69	+11	0.06	1	3.85	-0.58	19	308	+95	684
	Emmitsburg	83	48	67	+8	0.01	1	3.30	-1.89	15	270	+59	629
	Frostburg	83	42	65	+12	0.08	1	5.57	+0.08	20	192	+124	496
	Hagerstown_AP	85	56	71	+13	0.16	1	3.47	-1.19	16	374	+181	747
	Mechanicsville	84	50	68	+8	0.27	2	4.98	+0.21	15	320	+36	688
	Millers_4NE	83	54	69	+11	0.00	0	2.44	-2.36	13	339	+155	698
	Ocean_City_AP	79	47	64	+3	0.00	0	4.63	+0.27	12	244	-48	597
	Oxon_Hill	86	53	71	+10	0.14	1	3.35	-1.00	16	379	+80	764
	Patuxent_River	81	56	69	+8	0.04	1	3.77	-0.71	14	361	+71	739
	Reisterstown	83	55	69	+10	0.01	1	3.57	-1.15	20	287	+58	636
	Salisbury_AP	83	48	69	+9	0.00	0	3.91	-0.69	12	354	+105	715
	Savage_River_Da	83	43	65	+11	0.00	0	5.10	+0.38	17	183	+91	502
	Sharpsburg_5S	85	44	68	+11	0.36	1	4.29	-0.28	16	279	+117	621
	Sines_Deep_Cree	85	34	64	+10	0.16	1	6.45	+0.87	21	180	+92	472
Stevensville	83	55	69	+10	0.12	2	5.27	+0.57	17	342	+102	718	
Upper_Marlboro	84	51	69	+10	0.32	2	4.27	-0.34	18	336	+107	709	
Washington_DC_A	86	56	74	+11	0.05	1	3.57	-0.36	15	513	+196	908	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	84	53	68	+7	0.03	2	3.72	-1.10	14	331	+64	703
	Georgetown_AP	85	49	69	+10	0.00	0	3.33	-1.32	11	354	+149	715
	Wilmington_DE	84	51	69	+11	0.03	1	4.17	-0.50	13	334	+135	691

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 – John Timmons**

Excellent planting conditions. Warm weather, and temperatures above normal has forced crops to advance in growth.

### **Sussex County, DE Harry Hudson**

Peas should be done - still being planted last week in Kent County! Warming up and drying up - corn is starting to come out of the ground finally! Actually starting to get too dry. That's the way it is in Sussex - too wet to too dry in one week.

### **Baltimore County, MD – David Martin**

No significant rain in 3 to 4 weeks, soil conditions are dry, causing slow germination.

### **Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes**

Alfalfa is starting to head, so 1st cutting is getting close. It has been extremely dry since we have been without any amount of rain for more than two weeks.

### **Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster**

Temperatures are maintaining well above potential for frost at this time. Soil moisture is low in some areas currently with some spotty precipitation during the last reporting period. Barley is mostly in head, and some is being cut currently for feed. Soybean planting has started in some areas. Pastures and forage need moisture currently low moisture.

### **Saint Marys County, MD – Ben Beale**

Favorable weather has allowed for catch-up planting of corn and vegetables. Wheat progress remains variable. Tobacco planting has begun. A lot of hay was cut during the week.