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Good Week for Field Work: Maryland had 5 days and Delaware had 5 days suitable for field work. Highest temperature 89°F, lowest 46°F average 71°F. Large amounts of precipitation delayed winter wheat from being harvested and damaged some crops. Strawberry harvests have neared completion in Delaware while Maryland sweet corn is nearly all planted. Field work activities included harvesting tomatoes and blueberries, in addition to hay cutting when weather permitted.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 5, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	5	72	23
SUBSOIL	0	3	83	14

MD Crop Conditions as of July 5, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	4	8	80	7
BARLEY	4	7	17	59	13
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	13	55	31
HAY, OTHER	1	8	15	52	24
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	3	14	55	28
PEACHES	0	1	11	73	15
WINTER WHEAT	1	4	22	63	10

MD Crop Progress as of July 5, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: MATURE	94	85	97	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED	85	69	93	97
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	58	53	54	82
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	87	85	N/A	N/A
CORN: SILKING	45	12	15	29
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	71	70	96	92
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	14	9	13	25
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	46	43	92	96
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	88	87	95	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	68	63	72	84
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	24	13	27	58
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	71	70	88	91
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	10	6	16	16
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	92	89	91	92
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	84	80	76	86
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	95	93	96	97
TOMATOES: PLANTED	85	83	96	N/A
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	6	<5	10	10
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	81	80	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	88	79	88	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED	56	30	54	74

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	6	77	15
SUBSOIL	4	8	73	15

DE Crop Conditions as of July 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	27	63	9
BARLEY	3	15	43	30	9
HAY, ALFALFA	1	6	21	56	16
HAY, OTHER	2	6	21	58	13
PASTURE AND RANGE	3	7	42	41	7
PEACHES	2	7	28	60	3
WINTER WHEAT	3	10	39	39	9

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of July 5, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	6	87	6
DE	2	8	70	20

DE Crop Progress as of July 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: MATURE	94	94	76	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED	93	91	63	92
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	76	69	80	79
CORN: SILKING	39	7	40	37
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	71	66	80	85
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	10	8	13	17
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	69	27	87	97
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	74	61	45	68
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	56	51	26	54
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	78	74	81	89
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	23	11	9	20
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	90	85	91	94
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	73	64	83	89
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	95	92	74	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	90	89	92	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	93	92	83	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED	29	26	57	79

July 5, 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	87	59	72	-4	1.08	5	20.58	+9.66	41	1640	+331	2570
	Beltsville	85	56	71	-5	1.15	5	18.61	+6.51	44	1591	+266	2518
	Brighton_Dam	83	54	70	-4	0.67	3	18.45	+5.74	41	1408	+175	2323
	Cumberland	86	54	70	-5	0.92	4	15.57	+4.79	50	1440	+213	2375
	Emmitsburg	83	55	69	-6	0.59	3	16.46	+3.14	40	1363	+129	2282
	Frostburg	78	52	64	-4	0.80	4	16.56	+3.39	53	1029	+278	1883
	Hagerstown_AP	86	57	72	-3	0.25	2	11.76	-0.01	41	1631	+400	2564
	Mechanicsville	85	56	71	-5	1.66	4	18.94	+6.21	42	1512	+123	2440
	Millers_4NE	82	53	70	-4	0.38	2	12.89	+0.98	40	1469	+312	2388
	Ocean_City_AP	87	59	74	-3	1.02	3	11.69	+0.75	34	1433	-19	2346
	Oxon_Hill	87	58	73	-3	2.66	5	18.80	+7.10	41	1702	+310	2647
	Patuxent_River	86	59	75	-3	1.01	5	14.11	+2.34	39	1714	+252	2652
	Reisterstown	82	56	69	-6	1.24	4	17.41	+5.40	47	1396	+92	2305
	Salisbury_AP	86	60	73	-4	0.99	3	14.78	+3.28	37	1612	+255	2533
	Savage_River_Da	77	52	64	-6	0.76	3	18.35	+6.40	48	1067	+225	1941
	Sharpsburg_5S	85	52	68	-5	0.63	4	15.70	+3.78	41	1378	+266	2278
	Sines_Deep_Cree	78	46	63	-4	0.83	3	19.83	+5.47	53	994	+211	1842
Stevensville	87	56	74	-3	0.91	4	17.11	+5.19	38	1673	+312	2609	
Upper_Marlboro	85	57	72	-3	1.26	5	16.84	+4.77	49	1604	+315	2537	
Washington_DC_A	89	63	77	-2	2.21	4	19.46	+9.19	39	2018	+466	2973	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	86	61	73	-4	0.46	2	14.32	+2.15	38	1593	+173	2525
	Georgetown_AP	86	61	73	-2	0.82	4	9.92	-1.24	37	1632	+387	2553
	Wilmington_DE	84	60	72	-4	0.28	3	19.32	+7.51	37	1570	+305	2487

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

Lots of rain, wrecking watermelons and other veggies. Wheat harvest slowed down because of it.

Baltimore County, MD – Dave Martin

Another very wet week. Peach harvest just beginning and report indicated flavor is off due to excessive moisture. During the past week field corn silking increased greatly.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Wet, Wet, Wet. We have a day of rain, but then a day of sun. Farmers are still getting the hay in and field work is progressing. Pastures are messy in high traffic areas.

Howard County, MD – Charles Schuster

Moisture is preventing wheat harvest in most areas. Damp conditions are of concern with the warmer temperatures. 2.0 inches of rain fell during the last reporting period, some of it in heavy downpours. Sweet corn harvest has begun in limited areas. Hay harvest is again delayed with a lack of enough drying days even in the best areas and management. Tomatoes are now being harvested on farms that have good management. Blueberry harvest is now strong. Corn is in tassel in the early planted fields, but great variation does exist with the result of moisture in some fields.

Montgomery County, MD – Charles Schuster

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