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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Maryland had 7 days and Delaware had 6 days suitable for field work. Highest temperature 96°F, lowest 52°F average 73°F. Some reporters are concerned about the lack of rainfall. Tobacco and vegetable harvest is in full swing. Cucumber planting is almost completed in Maryland. Field work activities included harvesting crops and cutting hay.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 9, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	9	14	65	12
SUBSOIL	9	10	71	10

## MD Crop Conditions as of August 9, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	6	10	72	11
CORN	1	3	13	56	27
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	4	30	43	23
PEACHES	0	1	17	58	24
SOYBEANS	0	4	19	64	13

## MD Crop Progress as of August 9, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	13	11	16	20
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	35	30	34	32
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	47	36	44	55
CORN: MILK	86	71	80	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	44	30	38	60
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	91	90	81	N/A
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	96	92	N/A	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	66	58	44	58
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	68	50	73	63
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	76	67	73	89
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	14	11	7	14
PEACHES: HARVESTED	69	46	45	64
POTATOES: HARVESTED	64	56	26	65
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	60	57	56	65
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	76	60	86	79
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	54	37	68	55
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	27	<5	30	N/A
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	61	45	58	61
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	50	38	45	54
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	40	30	37	47

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 9, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	19	47	32	2
SUBSOIL	18	28	50	4

**DE Crop Conditions as of August 9, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	2	27	62	8
CORN	2	7	19	56	16
PASTURE AND RANGE	4	6	39	44	7
PEACHES	2	7	25	63	3
SOYBEANS	4	9	21	57	9

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of August 9, 2015**

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	8	84	7
DE	2	11	62	25

**DE Crop Progress as of August 9, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	9	6	12	28
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	11	10	N/A	N/A
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	71	52	55	63
CORN: MILK	84	83	85	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	69	57	41	71
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	83	82	70	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	87	85	62	66
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	75	66	45	54
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	16	N/A	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	65	48	22	34
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	13	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: HARVESTED	61	49	29	62
POTATOES: HARVESTED	63	40	23	64
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	79	76	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	84	71	74	76
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	53	43	56	50
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	21	5	<5	N/A
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	82	70	67	71
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	66	50	56	54
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	84	65	55	63

## August 9, 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	91	63	76	0	0.54	3	23.54	+8.29	53	2614	+376	3894
	Beltsville	91	64	75	-2	0.49	4	20.89	+4.26	58	2531	+263	3808
	Brighton_Dam	90	62	73	-2	0.38	3	21.82	+4.61	52	2283	+171	3548
	Cumberland	91	57	72	-3	0.14	2	18.31	+3.56	69	2303	+216	3588
	Emmitsburg	89	58	72	-4	0.06	2	19.89	+2.59	54	2211	+101	3480
	Frostburg	81	55	67	-2	0.31	4	20.34	+2.72	72	1714	+309	2918
	Hagerstown_AP	93	63	76	+2	0.47	2	13.18	-2.18	52	2589	+475	3872
	Mechanicsville	89	61	75	-2	0.51	3	21.15	+3.52	55	2413	+93	3691
	Millers_4NE	86	59	73	-2	0.45	2	16.67	+0.75	54	2315	+319	3584
	Ocean_City_AP	95	62	77	+1	1.51	1	14.41	-1.97	45	2391	-3	3654
	Oxon_Hill	92	66	77	+2	0.21	2	21.65	+5.18	55	2683	+385	3978
	Patuxent_River	94	62	78	+1	3.73	3	19.57	+3.45	50	2713	+264	4001
	Reisterstown	87	62	74	-2	0.08	2	21.28	+5.11	64	2260	+52	3519
	Salisbury_AP	91	62	77	0	2.75	2	22.80	+5.92	51	2572	+256	3843
	Savage_River_Da	82	56	67	-3	0.43	2	21.43	+4.92	62	1781	+246	3005
	Sharpsburg_5S	90	57	72	-2	0.24	2	17.46	+1.28	51	2216	+269	3466
	Sines_Deep_Cree	81	52	65	-4	0.40	4	26.36	+6.31	74	1638	+207	2836
Stevensville	93	62	77	-1	0.11	1	19.82	+3.35	48	2700	+372	3986	
Upper_Marlboro	91	65	76	+1	0.58	4	19.69	+3.00	65	2559	+364	3842	
Washington_DC_A	96	70	82	+3	0.09	2	22.36	+7.99	52	3157	+579	4462	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	91	62	77	0	0.03	2	16.41	-0.60	47	2570	+174	3852
	Georgetown_AP	92	62	76	+2	0.36	2	13.37	-2.29	49	2609	+459	3880
	Wilmington_DE	91	62	77	0	0.21	3	21.38	+4.93	48	2543	+342	3810

## 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.*

### **New Castle County, DE – Helen Sureda**

New Castle County crops are beginning to feel the effects of lack of a substantial rainfall. We have had some brief showers, but nothing worthwhile as of today (Friday).

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

Temperature went down last week - started to get dry on crops over the weekend - none of the crops is used to droughty conditions at this point.

### **St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale**

Condition had turned dry, but recent rains during the week helped crop condition. Corn is mostly made now, with harvest anticipated to start within the next 2 weeks. Double crop beans were struggling, but rains will help. Tobacco harvest is in full swing. Same with vegetable harvest.

### **Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler**

Conditions are drying out. Promised rain is miss more than hit. While corn and beans are ok it would be nice to get a few showers to help finish them. Good quality hay will also be short so rain for 4th and 5th cutting alfalfa would be welcomed. Grass hay that didn't get rained on was made at a maturity that would have qualified it for AARP so the quality will be lacking.