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Excellent Week for Field Work: Both Maryland and Delaware had an average 7.0 days suitable for field work. The calculated average temperature for the region last week was 77(°F), with a high of 82(°F) and a low of 47(°F). Dry conditions still dominating our area. In Maryland alfalfa hay third cutting nearly all finished. In Delaware cucumber harvest is 7 percent ahead of last year average, potatoes harvest same as five years average and snap bean harvests are ahead of Maryland's. Field work activities included harvesting apples, watermelons, snap beans and cutting hay.

MD Crop Progress as of September 6, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	28	24	43	42
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	54	52	48	64
CORN: DENTED	79	59	64	82
CORN: MATURE	35	N/A	19	43
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	36	N/A	N/A	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	88	85	90	90
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	95	88	95	96
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	63	52	70	49
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	49	43	37	49
POTATOES: HARVESTED	92	87	73	95
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	75	72	79	90
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	81	53	64	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	24	<5	16	13
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	82	75	84	83
WATERMELONS: HARVESTED	93	76	93	86

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 6, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	19	35	42	4
SUBSOIL	18	27	53	2

MD Crop Conditions as of September 6, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	5	83	11
CORN	1	3	17	56	23
PASTURE & RANGE	3	21	29	27	20
SOYBEANS	2	6	16	62	14

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 6, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	41	33	24	2
SUBSOIL	27	41	29	3

DE Crop Conditions as of September 6, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	3	28	60	8
CORN	3	7	18	57	15
PASTURE & RANGE	9	20	37	30	4
SOYBEANS	8	18	23	40	11

Hay and Roughage Supplies as of September 6, 2015

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	2	10	83	5
DE	2	11	62	25

DE Crop Progress as of September 6, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	56	50	52	59
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	69	55	39	66
CORN: DOUGH	99	92	90	98
CORN: DENTED	97	81	80	90
CORN: MATURE	93	N/A	25	50
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	17	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	51	N/A	N/A	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	95	93	88	91
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	93	91	64	89
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	49	37	21	30
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	89	78	48	67
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	35	30	<5	5
POTATOES: HARVESTED	91	90	59	91
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	95	93	89	91
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	96	88	90	91
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	53	37	40	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	11	<5	<5	5
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	95	93	87	90

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September 7, 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	94	61	79	+9	0.00	0	25.46	+6.77	60	3346	+455	4906
	Beltsville	93	62	79	+7	0.24	3	21.55	+1.48	65	3244	+300	4801
	Brighton_Dam	91	60	76	+6	0.00	0	23.60	+2.77	57	2929	+196	4474
	Cumberland	93	62	77	+7	0.26	3	20.12	+2.26	79	2971	+276	4536
	Emmitsburg	91	61	77	+7	0.12	1	22.40	+1.65	61	2857	+129	4406
	Frostburg	84	59	72	+9	0.84	1	22.51	+1.44	78	2232	+382	3716
	Hagerstown_AP	94	65	80	+11	0.91	1	15.01	-3.48	56	3331	+604	4894
	Mechanicsville	88	61	76	+5	0.03	1	22.61	+1.37	62	3056	+73	4614
	Millers_4NE	91	58	77	+8	0.01	1	17.80	-1.66	60	2966	+375	4515
	Ocean_City_AP	88	67	78	+6	0.00	0	15.61	-5.45	48	3096	+20	4639
	Oxon_Hill	93	64	79	+8	0.33	1	22.92	+2.25	59	3436	+483	5011
	Patuxent_River	91	64	79	+6	0.00	0	20.78	+1.02	55	3422	+252	4990
	Reisterstown	89	60	76	+7	0.00	0	23.88	+4.33	70	2915	+71	4454
	Salisbury_AP	92	64	78	+6	0.07	1	25.78	+4.58	56	3278	+279	4829
	Savage_River_Da	89	59	73	+9	0.00	0	22.88	+3.34	66	2319	+307	3823
	Sharpsburg_5S	92	61	76	+8	0.00	0	19.36	+0.17	55	2855	+332	4385
	Sines_Deep_Cree	88	47	70	+6	0.30	4	29.39	+5.75	85	2103	+225	3581
Stevensville	90	64	80	+8	0.00	0	23.62	+3.44	53	3455	+448	5021	
Upper_Marlboro	92	63	78	+8	0.25	3	22.22	+2.01	75	3271	+434	4834	
Washington_DC_A	96	68	82	+9	0.00	0	23.43	+5.88	57	3982	+668	5567	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	92	60	79	+6	0.00	0	20.05	-1.33	51	3297	+197	4859
	Georgetown_AP	94	60	79	+8	0.00	0	14.74	-5.94	53	3336	+536	4887
	Wilmington_DE	96	58	80	+9	0.00	0	22.69	+3.00	52	3286	+421	4833

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.

Baltimore County, MD – David Martin

Soil conditions are dry.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

The 4th cut of alfalfa fields I have seen are growing back nicely even though the soil is dry. Farmers have begun harvesting corn for silage. Peaches have been running late so looking for the season to extend longer into the fall.

Howard County and Montgomery, MD – Charles Schuster

Hot dry weather continues through the region. Soybeans are showing color and leaf drop on dry knolls. Silage harvest has progressed well with many farms more than 50% done. Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs are being noted in soybean field margins.

Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Dry, Dry, Dry!!! Some Soybeans brown and dropping leaves. Pasture burning up.

Kent County, DE – Lauren Huber

Corn harvesting for grain and silage has continued, potatoes are starting to be harvested as well.

New Castle County, DE – Helen Sureda

Weather has been extremely dry...rain is needed.

Sussex County, DE – Harry Hudson

Non-irrigated Soybeans drying up and dying at this point - drought has finally come to Sussex - the only good thing is it was after the Corn crop was mostly made. Lima beans suffering at the end - harvest is closing down on them.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons