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# Crop Progress & Condition



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& Delaware

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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Maryland and Delaware had an average of 7.0 days suitable for field work. Dry weather persisted in both states and aided the harvesting process for corn in Maryland. The highest reported temperature in Delaware was 86°F and a low of 52°F, while Maryland experienced a high of 90°F and a low of 67°F. In Maryland, the harvest of snap beans and tomatoes has nearly finished. Hay alfalfa fourth cutting, soybeans fully podded, and corn harvested for silage and grain are ahead of the five-year average in Delaware. Field work activities involved harvesting apples, corn, and soybeans.

## MD Crop Progress as of September 27, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	60	55	61	67
BARLEY: PLANTED	31	5	18	28
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	81	79	86	87
CORN: MATURE	89	73	79	88
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	44	21	19	43
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	88	83	77	89
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	71	68	81	67
HAY, ALFALFA: FIFTH CUTTING	10	<5	21	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	67	66	53	76
SNAP BEANS: HARVESTED	82	78	89	97
SOYBEANS: COLORING	81	66	67	64
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	61	32	29	33
SOYBEANS: MATURE	32	8	17	N/A
TOMATOES: HARVESTED	96	92	95	95

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 27, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	12	35	49	4
SUBSOIL	13	35	50	2

## MD Crop Conditions as of September 27, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	1	3	15	53	28
PASTURE & RANGE	9	16	29	26	20
SOYBEANS	1	7	21	55	16

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 27, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	29	33	36	2
SUBSOIL	30	34	34	2

**DE Crop Conditions as of September 27, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	3	8	18	55	16
PASTURE & RANGE	9	28	43	17	3
SOYBEANS	12	24	25	28	11

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of September 27, 2015**

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	3	12	80	5
DE	2	7	65	26

**DE Crop Progress as of September 27, 2015**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	77	71	79	77
BARLEY: PLANTED	12	<5	6	12
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	95	94	83	89
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	65	44	32	52
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	91	82	57	85
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	68	66	59	57
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	48	45	27	33
POTATOES: HARVESTED	95	94	64	N/A
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	91	90	77	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	70	58	63	60
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	52	33	40	26
SOYBEANS: MATURE	12	5	15	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	5	N/A	0	8

## September 27, 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	86	51	69	+2	0.00	0	26.73	+6.10	62	3661	+514	5361
	Beltsville	85	52	68	0	0.00	0	23.12	+0.96	69	3547	+334	5244
	Brighton_Dam	84	48	66	-2	0.00	0	24.40	+1.60	59	3196	+218	4881
	Cumberland	90	48	67	+2	0.13	1	21.28	+1.89	84	3253	+325	4958
	Emmitsburg	85	49	66	0	0.00	0	24.44	+1.63	63	3122	+154	4811
	Frostburg	85	46	63	+3	0.00	0	23.60	+0.82	82	2451	+449	4075
	Hagerstown_AP	87	51	69	+4	0.00	0	15.80	-4.40	59	3635	+673	5338
	Mechanicsville	80	51	66	-3	0.00	0	24.53	+1.20	65	3332	+81	5030
	Millers_4NE	83	49	67	+3	0.00	0	23.28	+1.86	62	3243	+423	4932
	Ocean_City_AP	81	53	68	-3	0.00	0	18.65	-4.18	51	3396	+33	5079
	Oxon_Hill	87	55	71	+3	0.00	0	23.38	+0.64	62	3768	+547	5483
	Patuxent_River	82	52	69	-3	0.02	1	21.41	-0.17	58	3738	+268	5446
	Reisterstown	82	51	68	+2	0.01	1	25.60	+4.13	73	3201	+109	4880
	Salisbury_AP	85	50	68	-2	0.00	0	27.07	+4.15	58	3590	+311	5281
	Savage_River_Da	85	45	63	+2	0.00	0	23.44	+2.22	69	2547	+364	4191
	Sharpsburg_5S	87	45	65	+2	0.00	0	19.42	-1.34	56	3114	+375	4784
	Sines_Deep_Cree	84	39	61	0	0.42	2	30.37	+5.05	91	2308	+270	3926
Stevensville	84	59	71	+4	0.00	0	25.35	+3.13	56	3790	+515	5496	
Upper_Marlboro	85	52	69	+2	0.00	0	23.70	+1.57	79	3577	+487	5280	
Washington_DC_A	87	55	73	+3	0.00	0	23.70	+4.33	60	4343	+729	6068	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	84	54	69	-1	0.00	0	22.11	-1.47	53	3619	+229	5321
	Georgetown_AP	86	53	69	+2	0.00	0	16.18	-6.38	56	3655	+592	5346
	Wilmington_DE	86	52	70	+3	0.00	0	23.64	+2.00	55	3613	+489	5300

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.*

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

This past weekend the farmers were all out harvesting corn.

### **Howard County and Montgomery, MD – Charles Schuster**

Dry weather continues in the region. Corn and soybean harvest is progressing with the dry conditions helping. Yields are good. Double crop soybeans are suffering from a lack of moisture, but most remain green. Barley planting is mostly complete in this region. Apple harvest has begun, with the crop looking excellent. Pastures are in fair condition at best for the average through the region.

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

Dry; rain needed.

### **Kent County, DE – Lauren Huber**

Early planted soybeans are not looking good, late planted soybeans are still looking good. We have had less than an inch of rain this month which is extremely low compared to last year.

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

Corn harvest closing down. Soybean harvest starting up. Late beans knocked out by drought conditions. Early soybeans are a little better.