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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Maryland and Delaware had an average of 6 days suitable for fieldwork. Some parts of the region experienced frost and dry conditions during the last reporting period. Not much precipitation activity reported except for the Wilmington, Delaware area which saw an average of 0.63 inches of rain during a two day period. Many farmers were able to continue their planting and harvesting activities. Temperatures reached a high at 80° F and a low at 27° F. In Maryland, apple harvesting is nearly finished and winter wheat planting progress was comparable to last year. In Delaware, corn harvesting activity is also nearly finished and soybean harvest's progress is 14 percent higher than last year. Fieldwork activities included harvesting apple, soybean, and corn for grain, and planting barley and winter wheat.

## MD Crop Progress as of October 30, 2016 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	94	85	94	96
BARLEY: PLANTED	81	74	87	87
BARLEY: EMERGED	60	36	63	56
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	76	72	93	87
SOYBEANS: DROPPING LEAVES	99	92	98	94
SOYBEANS: MATURE	94	85	96	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	60	45	64	49
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	71	55	71	74
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	51	45	57	49

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 30, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	8	74	15
SUBSOIL	3	10	76	11

## MD Crop Conditions as of October 30, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE & RANGE	2	7	22	56	13
SOYBEANS	3	7	16	63	11

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 30, 2016**

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	11	48	39
SUBSOIL	3	7	46	44

**DE Crop Conditions as of October 30, 2016**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE & RANGE	7	20	32	32	9
SOYBEANS	14	19	23	32	12

**Hay and Roughage Supplies as of October 30, 2016**

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
MD	1	7	88	4
DE	0	4	69	27

**DE Crop Progress as of October 30, 2016**

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: PLANTED	81	68	84	85
BARLEY: EMERGED	50	25	53	48
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	97	94	95	95
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	70	68	89	69
SOYBEANS: MATURE	96	94	90	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	48	21	34	37
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	59	37	63	63
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	41	7	36	40

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## October 30, 2016 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2016					
		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	73	32	54	+3	0.07	1	24.04	-0.79	74	4143	+665	6214
	Beltsville_HYD	71	32	51	-1	0.05	1	25.61	-1.31	93	3788	+216	5818
	Brighton_Dam	71	31	49	-1	0.00	0	31.01	+3.60	65	3707	+418	5741
	Cumberland	81	33	51	+1	0.08	1	23.12	+0.26	80	3799	+584	5831
	Emmitsburg	73	27	49	-2	0.14	2	23.65	-3.74	69	3529	+248	5539
	Frostburg	73	29	47	+2	0.15	2	27.06	+0.19	90	2826	+667	4746
	Hagerstown_AP	80	34	56	+6	0.14	1	17.15	-7.44	78	4144	+878	6204
	Mechanicsville	69	34	51	-2	0.19	1	38.16	+9.72	77	3676	+54	5726
	Millers_4NE	80	29	53	+2	0.36	2	29.25	+3.28	84	3565	+434	5595
	Ocean_City_AP	72	33	55	0	0.14	1	39.09	+11.99	80	3973	+178	6025
	Oxon_Hill	74	37	53	-1	0.12	1	23.94	-3.28	74	4195	+579	6266
	Patuxent_River	73	37	57	+2	0.11	1	25.95	+0.21	73	4367	+429	6453
	Reisterstown	75	33	51	-1	0.22	1	25.23	-1.00	76	3522	+92	5535
	Salisbury_AP	71	33	54	0	0.13	1	42.99	+15.50	87	4133	+448	6198
	Savage_River_Da	72	30	48	+2	0.16	1	22.61	-2.31	65	2975	+610	4932
	Sharpsburg_5S	80	28	50	+1	0.08	1	27.72	+2.42	71	3551	+556	5568
	Sines_Deep_Cree	66	28	45	-1	0.12	1	31.05	+1.74	103	2628	+415	4525
Stevensville	69	43	55	+3	0.17	1	32.10	+5.19	76	4230	+582	6292	
Upper_Marlboro	74	34	53	+2	0.04	1	25.85	-1.01	87	4013	+593	6072	
Washington_DC_A	75	41	58	+3	0.03	1	20.47	-3.16	73	4747	+683	6841	
Delaware	Dover_AFB	70	34	55	0	0.08	1	36.23	+8.25	78	4127	+290	6192
	Georgetown_AP	71	34	55	+2	0.09	1	36.86	+10.04	77	4147	+712	6210
	Wilmington_DE	67	30	53	+1	0.63	2	27.58	+1.81	69	4050	+581	6113

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**

Received some much needed rain and a good frost specifically in rural areas.

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

Warm and mostly dry conditions prevailed during the last reporting period. Above average temperatures have helped keep harvesting activities moving with only one day during the reporting period to have any shower activity. Pastures are in need of moisture that could benefit the growth of forages with the warmer weather. One day at freezing temperatures occurred during the reporting period to damage some remaining vegetable, but not all. Corn harvest is almost done, soybean harvest is not far behind with many farmer producers finished. Wheat planting continues strongly. No limitations are in place due to weather or soils being too wet. Corn continues to be average, and soybeans just slightly above average. Wheat beans are still green in some areas benefiting from the warm weather and small amounts of rainfall.

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

Weather has been very conducive for farmers in the harvesting activities for corn and soybeans. Corn and soybean crops seem to be very good so far.

### **Sussex County, DE - John Timmons**

Wheat planting intentions will be low due to past history of disease and poor quality grain at harvest, on the other hand soybean harvest is in full gear at this time.