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Fair Week for Field Work: Precipitation in Maryland reached a maximum of 3.57 inches of rainfall, reported from the Baltimore-Washington station, while Delaware reached a maximum of 1.77 inches of rainfall reported from Georgetown. The temperature high was 92°F in Cumberland (MD), while the low was 51°F in Savage River (MD). Number of days of precipitation ranged from 1 to 5 across the region, with a reported average of 4.5 days suitable for field work in both Maryland and Delaware. Wet conditions have reportedly slowed corn harvest and presented difficulty for pumpkin crops. The apple harvest is over 50% complete in both states and apple quality is reportedly good/excellent this season. Weather permitting, fieldwork activities this reporting period included end-of-season harvest of vegetable crops, tree fruit crop harvest, preliminary harvest of grain corn, and cutting hay.

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 23, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	74	26
SUBSOIL	0	0	75	25

MD Crop Conditions as of September 23, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	6	14	63	17
CORN	1	17	52	26	4
HAY, ALFALFA	2	5	30	58	5
HAY, OTHER	1	4	53	37	5
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	6	27	58	7
SOYBEANS	1	2	43	40	14

MD Crop Progress as of September 23, 2018 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	52	42	52	57
CANTALOUPE: HARVESTED	95	91	85	93
CORN: DENTED	92	82	81	92
CORN: MATURE	65	54	55	73
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	15	<5	13	22
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	95	94	N/A	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	98	86	94	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	41	40	79	72
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	61	60	59	70
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	15	14	31	N/A
POTATOES: HARVESTED	98	83	70	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	99	93	92	N/A
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	90	73	67	90
SOYBEANS: COLORING	25	5	32	54
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	97	93	96	N/A

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 23, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	41	59
SUBSOIL	0	0	55	45

DE Crop Conditions as of September 23, 2018
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	9	24	38	23	6
HAY, ALFALFA	1	1	18	76	4
HAY, OTHER	1	4	19	74	2
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	9	32	56	2
SOYBEANS	5	13	32	36	14

DE Crop Progress as of September 23, 2018
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	68	58	48	68
BEANS, LIMA: HARVESTED	86	66	74	78
CORN: DENTED	98	87	92	N/A
CORN: MATURE	80	51	84	88
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	21	10	32	39
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	101	100	N/A	N/A
CUCUMBERS: HARVESTED	98	93	98	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	89	80	55	64
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	100	93	77	92
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	48	19	30	32
SOYBEANS: FULLY PODDED	94	69	72	86
SOYBEANS: COLORING	22	<5	39	46

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September 23, 2018 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

Notice please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Weather Data Tables may be discontinued for budget reasons. This includes the possibility of discontinuing the weather data narratives and graphics Please contact your local NASS Regional Field Office with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Crop Progress and Condition data will remain and be available.

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
		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	59	72	+5	3.57	4	29.77	+8.75	82	4082	+788	5809
	CUMBERLAND 2	92	59	73	+7	1.49	3	40.60	+20.72	83	3344	-6	4952
	EMMITSBURG 2 SE	83	57	72	+8	2.98	4	44.59	+22.08	77	3275	+380	4908
	FREDERICK AP	88	59	73	+5	0.14	1	22.59	+1.05	37	3654	+58	5334
	FROSTBURG 2	84	52	68	+8	2.84	5	44.95	+21.70	94	2616	+410	4192
	GAITHERSBURG AP	84	57	70	+4	1.29	4	31.71	+11.37	80	3514	+150	5192
	HAGERSTOWN WASH	86	58	72	+8	0.23	4	36.27	+15.56	86	3680	+606	5354
	MECHANICSVILLE	82	60	73	+8	1.60	5	44.77	+21.57	68	3403	+248	5046
	MILLERS 4 NE	81	54	69	+5	1.34	4	47.72	+25.26	80	3082	+240	4650
	OCEAN CITY MUNI	86	62	74	+7	1.15	2	33.50	+12.54	75	3512	+346	5197
	OXON HILL	86	58	74	+6	0.93	4	35.65	+12.46	64	3806	+190	5508
	PATUXENT RIVER	86	62	76	+8	2.04	3	37.90	+13.69	79	4286	+735	6020
	REISTERSTOWN 2	81	56	69	+4	1.00	4	44.86	+22.01	90	3207	+94	4828
	SALISBURY WICOM	87	60	74	+7	1.32	3	31.40	+8.67	85	3770	+499	5462
	SAVAGE RIVER DA	78	51	65	+5	0.96	4	35.41	+13.36	79	2230	-128	3608
	SINES DEEP CREE	76	52	63	+4	2.14	5	24.53	-0.81	67	1773	-315	2952
	STEVENSVILLE 2S	86	61	75	+7	0.54	4	30.17	+3.11	61	3871	+459	5524
	WASHINGTON DC A	87	61	74	+5	2.48	5	46.52	+26.22	77	4172	+386	5902
Delaware	DOVER AFB	85	62	72	+4	1.08	2	33.76	+10.08	73	3698	+217	5390
	GEORGETOWN SUSS	86	61	73	+6	1.77	2	32.73	+10.00	82	3814	+472	5524
	WILMINGTON NEW	85	60	71	+5	1.21	3	32.11	+9.75	83	3610	+344	5292

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

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.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Corn harvest has moved forward when weather allows. Yields vary greatly across the region. Most say it is better than average. Pumpkins are struggling with the extreme wet weather. Apple harvest is going well. Quality seems to be very good. Pasture look good, it improves with the cooler weather and adequate moisture. Soybeans are showing good color as the end of the season.

Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

It's still raining!

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Sloppy wet weather holding up corn harvest. Most soybeans are still green - some coloring noted. Lots of precipitation and sloppy fields lately - weather cooling down in general - days noticeably shorter.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Slow corn harvest. We have not had ideal weather. The sunny days with north west, west winds have not been in the forecast.