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Fair Week for Field Work: Both Maryland and Delaware had an average of 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Most areas in the region received precipitation, putting fieldwork for some on hold. Both states are reporting soil moisture in adequate or surplus levels. Winter wheat continues to green up and tiller well, though some portions of winter wheat crops were damaged due to standing water early in the season. Corn planting will be in full swing as weather and soil temperatures allow in the next couple of weeks. Most pea planting has wrapped up. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included spreading of manure and fertilizer, pesticide spraying, ground prep, planting of hardy vegetable crops, and planting of grain corn.

MD Crop Progress as of April 21, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	74	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	12	5	<5	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	73	N/A	N/A	N/A

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 21, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	6	47	47
SUBSOIL	0	2	67	31

MD Crop Conditions as of April 21, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	3	8	75	13	1
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	71	21	4

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 21, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	54	46
SUBSOIL	0	0	39	61

DE Crop Conditions as of April 21, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	3	3	48	38	8
WINTER WHEAT	1	1	52	39	7

DE Crop Progress as of April 21, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	39	N/A	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	36	N/A	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	52	N/A	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	9	0	0	N/A

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.

Frederick County, MD – Matt Morris

A wet reporting period delayed most all field work this week. Soil temperatures are in the mid to upper 50's. Heavy rain arriving this weekend will further delay any field operations next week.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Corn planting has started with everything from 5% to 60 % planted on farms. Most are in the 25% range. Soils continue to dry as the winds have remained steady many days. Rainfall totals for the reporting period ranged from 1.0 to 1.9 depending on where in the region one checks. Wheat is looking very good in most areas. Tree fruit looks excellent. Vegetable planting has started for many hardier crops.

Kent County, MD – Nate Richards

Little rain in the past several weeks. Rain on the forecast for today.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Peas should be planted by now. Some corn planted - seeing the planted rows in fields. Working ground - still wet - keeps raining - after a little drying up. Did not see frost last week.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Interesting you can smell the pesticides in the air with all the no-till spraying occurring.