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Good/ Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work this reporting period while Delaware had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work this reporting period. The region received drier temperatures with rainfall at the end of the week. Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels ranged from mostly adequate to surplus levels. Weather conditions allowed for progress in planting vegetables and cutting hay this week. Corn planting is almost complete. Soybean planting continues this week, with early plantings now emerging. Field work activities involved spreading manure and fertilizer; spraying pesticides; ground preparation; cutting hay; harvesting strawberries; and planting cantaloupes, corn, cucumbers, lima beans, snap beans, soybeans, sweet corn, tomatoes, and watermelons.

MD Crop Progress as of May 26, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	94	86	95	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	95	87	83	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	11	N/A	<5	25
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	41	36	42	46
CORN: PLANTED	93	71	73	79
CORN: EMERGED	71	58	46	59
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	53	22	31	56
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	44	14	17	36
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	35	31	32	34
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	11	N/A	12	13
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	75	72	99	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	9	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOMATOES: PLANTED	49	43	46	50

MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 26, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	3	47	50
SUBSOIL	0	1	54	45

MD Crop Conditions as of May 26, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	2	61	37
BARLEY	1	4	82	12	1
HAY, ALFALFA	0	7	48	38	7
HAY, OTHER	8	14	24	49	5
PASTURE & RANGE	1	7	46	37	9
PEACHES	0	0	9	62	29
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	80	16	1

DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 26, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	89	11
SUBSOIL	0	1	51	48

DE Crop Conditions as of May 26, 2019
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	1	24	62	12
BARLEY	1	2	43	44	10
HAY, ALFALFA	1	2	30	56	11
HAY, OTHER	1	1	36	50	12
PASTURE & RANGE	1	2	14	68	15
PEACHES	1	2	17	74	6
WINTER WHEAT	1	2	43	45	9

DE Crop Progress as of May 26, 2019
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	88	86	96	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	95	92	88	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	7	N/A	12	22
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	22	15	24	23
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	52	25	51	66
CORN: PLANTED	76	73	88	87
CORN: EMERGED	49	46	62	64
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	32	23	44	30
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	38	35	61	51
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	35	32	46	45
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	95	92	99	N/A
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	38	25	50	39
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	28	25	32	29
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	7	N/A	13	11
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	60	44	86	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	31	N/A	N/A	N/A
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	33	26	44	55
TOMATOES: PLANTED	61	38	73	64
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	59	11	80	71
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	68	65	77	88

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 good week for field work this reporting period. Dry conditions allowed for a lot of hay to be made. Planting progress of corn and beans continued strongly as well due to favorable soil conditions. However, there are still many spots that will likely remain too wet to plant all year as a result of the rains over the last year.

Howard & Montgomery Counties, MD – Charles Schuster

Good conditions prevailed in the reporting area during the reporting period. Soils overall are in good condition for field work, with a heavy rain in some areas at the end of the period. Forage harvest had good conditions during the reporting periods, with high temperatures, and air movement. Vegetable planting has moved along very well during this period also. Strawberries are looking very good with harvest started. This will continue for 2 to 3 weeks weather permitting. Tree fruit does look good also. Some barley has been harvested as chop.

Sussex County, DE – Harry T Hudson III

Corn planting wrapping up - soybean planting ramping up. Drier this week.

Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Just outside my area farmers have received more rain and are unable to plant. Probably will switch to grain sorghum or soybeans.