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# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Fair/Good Week for Field Work:** Maryland had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period while Delaware had an average of 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork this reporting period. Both states have continued to report soil moisture in mostly adequate or surplus levels. However, overall the region received a wide range of precipitation levels. Some noted wet conditions were preventing fieldwork, while others reported corn curling as a result of hot and dry weather. We are going into the start of barley and winter wheat crop harvests. There were significant increases in barley and winter wheat coloring this week, with heading being mostly complete in the reporting area. Corn crops also saw good progress in growth this week. Soybean planting is in full swing, with plantings now emerging. Fieldwork activities this reporting period included ground prep, planting of tender vegetable crops, and planting of corn and soybean crops.

## MD Crop Progress as of June 2, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	97	94	99	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	52	11	30	55
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	60	41	48	57
CORN: PLANTED	96	93	76	84
CORN: EMERGED	91	71	49	70
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	33	31	44	43
GREEN PEAS: PLANTED	91	62	95	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	66	53	36	64
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	55	44	21	46
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	60	46	60	48
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	56	35	35	45
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	35	11	17	24
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	99	75	100	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	38	9	20	32
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	40	30	49	59
TOMATOES: PLANTED	67	49	47	58
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	52	32	47	50
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	34	<5	9	23

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 2, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	12	47	41
SUBSOIL	0	1	63	36

## MD Crop Conditions as of June 2, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	4	68	28
BARLEY	2	4	73	19	2
HAY, ALFALFA	0	4	39	46	11
HAY, OTHER	3	10	27	52	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	4	37	46	12
PEACHES	0	0	5	57	38
WINTER WHEAT	1	3	75	19	2

**DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 2, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	80	20
SUBSOIL	0	1	54	45

**DE Crop Conditions as of June 2, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	1	3	19	68	9
BARLEY	1	3	40	47	9
HAY, ALFALFA	1	4	30	57	8
HAY, OTHER	2	3	36	51	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	3	12	72	12
PEACHES	1	2	17	72	8
WINTER WHEAT	2	2	43	47	6

**DE Crop Progress as of June 2, 2019**  
(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	89	88	100	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	34	7	43	44
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	40	22	29	31
CANTALOUPE: PLANTED	64	52	73	79
CORN: PLANTED	85	76	93	93
CORN: EMERGED	67	49	80	81
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	57	32	63	44
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	52	38	73	68
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	48	35	58	61
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	60	38	64	51
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	40	28	35	42
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	17	7	21	23
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	89	60	92	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	47	31	47	35
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	42	33	57	65
TOMATOES: PLANTED	73	61	77	74
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	70	59	85	83
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	82	68	86	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	32	<5	10	25

## 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**

Moisture has made it difficult to harvest dry forage during the reporting period. Barley for barley silage has started to be harvested. Wheat is starting to show color. Soybean planting is mostly done. Appears to be growing well with the warmer temperatures of the last reporting period. Strawberry harvest is strong.

### **Kent County, MD – Nate Richards**

Some heavy rains in the area. Slowed some farmers from getting into the fields to plant last remaining fields

### **St Mary's County, MD – Ben Beale**

Conditions have turned dry quickly. Some corn is curling. Crop conditions overall are in very good shape. Barley harvest will start this week. Wheat will soon follow. Short strawberry season but good harvest. Vegetable planting continues with a good crop so far.

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

Corn planting is wrapping up while soybean and sorghum planting continues. Daily rainfall and storms have been making it difficult to get in the fields. This week Kent County averaged an inch of rain.

### **New Castle County, DE – Lauren Huber**

With continual rainfall, 1.5-2 inches this last week, getting into the fields has been challenging. Field work consists of trying to finish planting corn and switching over to plant soybeans.

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

Heavy storm last Thursday - some wet field conditions - but not as bad as last year at this time.

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

At my location we had 0.2 inches of rain mid-week while at an area 6 miles away a cousin had 5.0 inches in a short period. Overall we have had excellent planting and crop emergent weather this spring. Thank you God. We pray for the mid-west farmers.