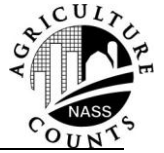




# Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 6 days suitable for field work. Farmers continue to enjoy great weather for completing field work for another week. All across the state producers are wrapping up their fall harvest and preparing for the upcoming spring season. Primary field activities for the week were harvesting of corn and soybeans, spreading lime, baling corn fodder, planting cover crops and preparing soil for spring planting. Fall plowing is 79% complete, behind the 84% this time last year, and behind the 5-year average of 82%.

### PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending Nov 13, 2011

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0	1	81	18

**Crop Progress:** The year's corn crop is 79% harvested, behind the 88% at this time last year but ahead of the 5-year average of 76%. Barley planting is 96% complete, behind the 98% at this time last year and the 5-year average of 99%. Barley is 80% emerged, behind the 95% at this time last year and the 5-year average of 96%. Winter wheat planting is 90% complete, compared to the 95% at this time last year and the 5-year average of 96%. Winter wheat is 74% emerged, compared to the 81% at this time last year and the average of 84%. The soybean harvest is 80% complete, compared to the 91% last year and the average of 78%. The fourth cutting of alfalfa is 99% complete, ahead of the previous year's 98% and the 5-year average of 98%.

**Crop Condition:** State-wide winter wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 1% poor, 26% fair, 51% good, and 22% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 6% very poor, 18% poor, 32% fair, 35% good and 9% excellent.

**Nationwide as of November 06, 2011:** Temperatures across much of the country were below normal during the

week—and as much as 10°F below average in the Great Basin and the Southeast. Conversely, warmer-than normal weather prevailed in parts of the northern Great Plains and the Great Lakes region. Precipitation was scattered during the week, with portions of the Corn Belt, Rocky Mountains, Southeast, and Southwest receiving more than twice the normal weekly amounts.

**Corn:** By week's end, producers had harvested 87 percent of the corn crop, 8 percentage points behind last year but 14 points ahead of the 5-year average. Fieldwork continued at a rapid pace in many states where harvest was not yet complete or nearly complete. Most notably, harvest progress in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the two states with the most significant delays, advanced 16 percentage points or more during the week. **Soybeans:** Nationally, 92 percent of the soybean crop was harvested by November 6, six percentage points behind last year but 4 points ahead of the 5-year average. Despite Ohio producers harvesting 16 percent of their crop during the week, progress was 25 percentage points behind normal. **Winter Wheat:** Ninety-four percent of the winter wheat crop was seeded by week's end, slightly behind last year but 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. With emergence advancing 12 percentage points or more in ten of the 18 estimating states during the week, 76 percent of the nation's crop was emerged by November 6. This was 5 percentage points behind last year and 3 points behind the 5-year average. Early-season storm systems delivered beneficial moisture to the emerging winter wheat crop in areas west of the Rocky Mountains during the week. Elsewhere, additional moisture was needed on the southern Great Plains to boost crop establishment. Overall, 49 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, up 3 percentage points from last week 4 points above the same time last year.

## Weather Data For Week Ending November 13, 2011

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 13, 2011					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
<b>Northwest</b>												
Erie	69	34	52	7	0.34	3	35.50	7.40	108	3,160	514	5,186
Franklin_AG	68	25	45	3	0.01	1	37.15	7.64	127	2,992	583	4,973
Meadville-Port	67	30	49	8	0.38	3	34.66	4.61	121	3,056	852	5,058
Mercer	69	30	46	5	0.08	3	35.54	7.45	140	2,952	568	4,962
Springboro	67	31	47	3	0.57	3	39.87	12.80	125	2,656	69	4,613
Warren	69	30	45	5	0.30	3	33.80	3.80	116	2,764	441	4,715
<b>North Central</b>												
Bradford Region	66	28	45	7	0.19	3	35.55	5.89	131	2,324	669	4,183
Oswayo	69	23	42	3	0.06	2	34.95	6.60	118	2,273	437	4,122
Kane	67	24	42	4	0.27	2	40.75	10.33	114	2,201	587	4,037
Laporte	64	28	43	2	0.12	2	63.44	35.96	123	2,413	36	4,290
Lock Haven	68	24	45	2	0.04	1	38.86	11.93	101	3,188	657	5,198
Port Allegany	69	28	44	6	0.17	3	35.39	7.04	123	2,464	628	4,373
Renovo	71	26	44	2	0.06	2	38.85	11.92	120	3,125	594	5,130
Ridgway	71	23	43	4	0.21	3	34.17	4.98	125	2,478	593	4,393
Stevenson Dam	71	24	43	3	0.04	1	38.56	9.37	100	2,974	1,089	4,952
Towanda	71	25	45	4	0.06	1	48.13	25.19	101	2,814	416	4,802
Wellsboro	66	27	44	5	0.03	1	38.58	15.59	114	2,379	599	4,245
Williamsport	69	28	47	4	0.10	1	50.94	23.86	103	3,447	655	5,509
<b>Northeast</b>												
Hawley	69	20	43	2	0.09	1	52.21	26.18	101	2,536	495	4,492
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	70	30	48	5	0.23	1	43.83	18.71	103	3,165	518	5,209
Susquehanna	69	26	45	6	0.36	1	48.80	20.67	105	2,667	744	4,638
<b>West Central</b>												
Butler	69	28	45	2	0.13	2	33.33	5.79	119	3,013	510	5,040
New Castle	74	27	48	6	0.08	2	35.67	10.28	113	3,372	866	5,430
Slippery Rock	75	29	48	7	0.04	3	36.88	9.69	120	3,095	853	5,131
<b>Central</b>												
Altoona/Blair	67	30	47	3	0.03	1	35.27	10.76	99	3,369	704	5,418
DuBois	68	27	46	5	0.08	1	36.37	8.64	117	2,830	553	4,804
Lewistown	74	28	46	2	0.05	1	44.61	18.36	103	3,457	527	5,536
Middletown	69	31	47	1	0.14	1	55.24	29.07	95	3,830	503	5,955
Prince Gallitzi	68	26	43	2	0.05	1	36.69	5.48	104	2,789	660	4,731
Selinsgrove	71	24	44	0	0.10	1	51.92	24.58	107	3,198	478	5,226
State College	67	32	45	3	0.10	2	38.14	13.34	103	3,199	588	5,204
<b>East Central</b>												
Allentown-Bethel	73	28	47	3	0.15	1	50.33	21.97	96	3,627	592	5,724
Lehighton	62	28	43	-3	0.11	1	44.58	16.20	104	3,060	136	5,100
Matamoras	70	22	45	3	0.17	1	55.81	27.14	104	2,751	138	4,764
Mt_Pocono	67	29	46	8	0.14	1	56.65	25.61	112	2,687	942	4,648
<b>Southwest</b>												
Pittsburgh/Alle	69	31	49	6	0.15	2	28.48	2.73	114	3,579	887	5,676
Indiana_PA	70	30	46	3	0.16	2	38.74	8.73	134	3,124	516	5,156
Myersdale	68	23	41	-3	0.01	1	33.19	4.03	111	2,394	-104	4,300
Chalk_Hill	68	21	42	-4	0.13	2	46.98	18.79	121	2,473	-405	4,396
Pittsburgh Intl	68	30	48	4	0.10	2	25.56	1.67	105	3,527	707	5,606
Connellsville	72	25	47	3	0.12	2	37.89	9.70	133	3,393	515	5,470
Waynesburg	70	25	45	3	0.04	1	46.09	20.04	109	3,134	537	5,192
<b>South Central</b>												
Biglerville	70	27	47	0	0.08	1	41.46	16.49	85	3,638	385	5,747
Everett	68	21	42	-3	0.09	1	37.54	13.41	98	3,013	355	5,038
Hanover	72	29	46	-2	0.16	1	39.12	14.15	99	3,584	331	5,666
Harrisburg_AP	69	27	47	1	0.14	1	54.14	27.97	88	3,849	512	5,976
South Mountain	66	28	44	-1	0.11	1	38.98	14.47	99	2,947	294	4,949
York	71	28	45	-2	0.16	1	43.70	17.29	99	3,607	355	5,706
<b>Southeast</b>												
Green Lane	71	30	47	2	0.11	1	43.61	16.09	95	3,615	724	5,725
Hamburg	71	28	46	4	0.04	1	46.79	14.83	103	3,511	904	5,590
West_Chester	71	25	46	-3	0.15	1	45.10	15.20	83	3,630	390	5,728
Lancaster	69	29	47	2	0.06	1	41.02	13.35	100	3,726	660	5,838
Neshaminy Falls	74	28	48	4	0.07	1	50.03	18.60	81	3,791	768	5,906
New Holland	71	25	47	3	0.06	1	42.08	14.41	95	3,701	635	5,813
Philadelphia	72	36	51	3	0.05	1	45.79	19.21	78	4,422	850	6,615
Philadelphia NE	72	33	50	2	0.04	1	46.41	19.83	86	4,103	531	6,268
Reading	73	30	48	4	0.08	1	39.87	10.44	99	3,947	947	6,081
Sellersville	71	25	46	0	0.11	1	44.42	16.90	91	3,350	459	5,415
Doylestown_AG	72	30	48	4	0.08	1	49.83	18.40	97	3,790	767	5,921

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).

Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.

Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.

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.*

### **ADAMS COUNTY, Judy A Behney**

Adams County had another week of mostly dry weather conditions. The producers are enjoying the days harvesting without excessive moisture. Some showers received on Thursday but didn't slow harvest down. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested in full force as ground conditions improve with the recent nice weather. Some quality issues are apparent due to excessive moisture. Some producers are sowing wheat because not much was planted earlier due to wet conditions. They are hoping that if the current weather continues they may have a chance to get a decent crop. Some additional hay was also wrapped this week too. Apple harvest is complete after a long harvest season that was made interesting by excessive moisture, which caused havoc with getting bins from orchards to loading areas. Scab and rust were apparent and have caused change in markets from fresh to processing due to affecting the quality of the fruit. Overall, the producers are happy to finally be able to get their crops harvested after putting in long days.

### **ADAMS COUNTY, Lee Showalter**

The apple harvest concluded this week as the Pink Lady variety was picked. Final report for the season!

### **CAMBRIA COUNTY, Dolly Little**

Nice week for harvesting corn, soybeans, and fourth cutting of alfalfa.

### **CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker**

Great week for field work.

### **CLARION COUNTY, Tom Tanner**

Farmers are busy harvesting corn and soybeans.

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr**

A week of dry weather allowed the finishing of apple harvest. Harvesting of soybeans and corn continued along with planting wheat. Hauling manure, planting cover crop, baling corn fodder, and mowing orchards were other activities for those who have finished harvest.

### **MERCER COUNTY, James P. Rust**

Area farmers actually had lime custom spread on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. That was the first lime to be spread in over a month. Yields of corn and beans are being reported as excellent in our area. On Monday beans were being harvested at 9-10% moisture. Apple and grape harvesting is complete at this time. Farmers are chopping, discing, or chisel plowing fields after harvesting in preparing the soil for the spring.

### **SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer**

A great week for field activities that included harvesting corn and soybeans, haymaking and seeding winter grains and cover crops.

**PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 13, 2011**

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	79	84	82
Corn, harvested	79	88	76
Barley, planted	96	98	99
Barley, emerged	80	95	96
Wheat, planted	90	95	96
Wheat, emerged	74	81	84
Soybeans, harvested	80	91	78
Alfalfa, 4th cutting	99	98	98

**PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 13, 2011**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	1	26	51	22
Pasture	6	18	32	35	9

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