

Crop Progress & Condition



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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work this week. The average height of emerged corn is 10 inches. All oats are fully emerged and barley is almost fully headed. Potatoes are a couple weeks behind this year. Heavy rainfall last week created a surplus of moisture throughout the state, which also made it difficult for field work. This week it is going to be very hot and humid with highs in the upper 80's. More thunderstorms are expected Wednesday through the weekend. This week's field activities will most likely include cutting alfalfa and forage crops.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 15, 2014
(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	2%	74%	24%
Topsoil	0%	3%	72%	25%

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Hay	0	2	30	53	15
Corn	0	1	14	63	22
Oats	0	3	20	63	14
Other Hay	0	3	30	53	14
Pasture	4	2	19	50	25
Peaches	7	3	16	45	29
Quality of Hay Made	0	4	21	44	31
Soybean	0	2	23	58	17
Winter Wheat	0	4	21	57	18

Crop Progress (in %):

	June 15	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	75	82	84
Barley Headed	95	-	-
Barley Coloring	82	95	93
Corn Planted	93	97	96
Corn Emerged	81	94	87
Oats Emerged	98	100	99
Oats Headed	36	49	41
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	51	58	61
Potatoes Planted	92	-	-
Soybean Planted	84	90	86
Soybean Emerged	71	74	68
Spring Tillage	91	-	-
Tobacco Transplanted or Set	79	92	91
Winter Wheat Headed	87	99	99
Winter Wheat Coloring	34	41	55

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June 15, 2014 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	80	46	65	+1	2.02	5	11.05	+0.49	35	511	+53	1125
	Erie	83	49	67	+1	2.04	4	9.50	+0.63	31	632	+91	1247
	Franklin_AG	83	47	67	+2	2.08	6	12.80	+2.96	39	589	+80	1227
	Meadville-Port	78	45	66	+2	1.89	4	11.36	+2.08	35	631	+176	1284
	Springboro	79	44	64	-2	2.02	5	12.45	+3.54	35	496	+24	1071
	Warren	82	47	67	+3	2.87	4	13.20	+2.99	35	566	+93	1179
North Central	Bradford_Region	78	38	64	+3	1.60	5	12.57	+2.38	33	460	+119	1022
	Coudersport_1SW	80	42	63	+2	2.67	6	11.96	+2.32	38	419	+27	934
	Kane	78	45	64	+5	2.04	4	14.83	+4.34	34	438	+154	1002
	Laporte	76	48	63	-1	1.41	6	12.84	+3.49	37	424	+38	964
	Lock_Haven	83	48	67	+2	1.22	4	11.01	+1.71	31	622	+59	1265
	Oswayo	80	40	63	+2	1.99	5	10.50	+1.54	31	441	+98	963
	Renovo	83	46	67	+2	1.50	5	11.48	+2.45	36	613	+34	1264
	Ridgway	81	44	65	+4	2.66	6	15.23	+5.05	37	514	+154	1111
	Stevenson_Dam	81	47	65	0	1.57	4	11.51	+2.02	31	481	+15	1058
	Towanda	84	49	66	+1	0.72	6	7.16	-1.08	33	549	+57	1142
	Wellsboro	79	41	63	+2	1.24	5	10.12	+2.33	39	449	+106	993
	Williamsport_AP	83	50	70	+3	1.54	5	10.57	+1.09	32	732	+129	1406
Northeast	Hawley	83	48	63	0	3.65	6	11.53	+1.61	34	470	+80	1036
	Milanville	83	50	64	+2	2.94	6	10.91	+0.99	30	548	+158	1150
	Susquehanna	82	49	64	+1	1.56	6	8.86	-1.24	36	508	+58	1086
	Wilkes-Barre	83	51	68	+2	0.91	5	6.94	-1.98	27	703	+113	1356
West Central	Butler	79	46	65	+1	2.80	4	11.61	+1.78	33	579	+104	1240
	New_Castle_Ag	86	47	68	+2	1.06	3	12.05	+3.24	35	682	+134	1352
	Slippery_Rock	85	45	67	+5	1.72	4	13.47	+3.81	35	668	+252	1336
Central	Altoona_AP	81	48	68	+1	3.38	4	12.26	+3.20	31	681	+84	1359
	Du_Bois	79	47	66	+3	2.80	5	12.17	+2.32	35	650	+184	1305
	Lewistown	84	49	69	+2	1.70	5	12.47	+2.82	28	702	+72	1380
	Middletown	84	55	72	+2	2.46	6	14.12	+4.09	32	848	+84	1568
	Prince_Gallitzi	79	42	66	+2	2.65	4	10.93	+2.12	36	559	+71	1184
	Selinsgrove_2S	83	47	68	+1	0.79	5	10.54	+0.76	28	636	+49	1286
	State_College_P	79	49	67	0	1.84	4	11.67	+2.66	33	641	+82	1302
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	84	49	68	+2	3.20	4	15.37	+5.37	29	747	+136	1425
	Lehighton	82	49	66	0	2.80	7	14.51	+3.35	37	585	+89	1226
	Mt_Pocono	77	51	63	+3	2.07	5	12.79	+1.52	30	493	+186	1090
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	85	53	69	+4	1.95	6	11.86	+2.84	35	913	+370	1636
	Chalk_Hill	81	42	64	0	2.17	5	12.52	-0.06	39	554	+60	1170
	Connellsville_A	83	46	68	+1	3.89	6	15.44	+5.25	40	723	+114	1407
	Indiana_3SE	84	46	67	+2	2.12	6	10.97	+0.33	36	580	+11	1230
	Meyersdale	81	45	65	+2	2.34	5	13.05	+2.31	36	454	+25	1050
	Pittsburgh_Intl	81	50	68	-1	1.36	4	10.41	+1.57	34	807	+164	1516
	Waynesburg	84	48	66	0	2.35	5	10.30	+1.03	35	662	+94	1334
South Central	Biglerville	83	51	71	+4	2.89	6	13.59	+3.56	30	756	+160	1447
	Everett	81	47	66	0	3.38	5	11.66	+2.45	33	516	-17	1138
	Hanover	83	49	71	+1	2.40	6	12.96	+3.89	32	721	-37	1410
	Harrisburg_AP	83	51	71	+1	3.71	6	14.23	+4.20	31	798	+34	1508
	South_Mountain	79	45	66	-3	1.78	6	13.00	+1.47	33	561	-169	1200
	York_AP	84	49	71	+2	3.05	6	11.83	+1.84	34	755	+2	1447
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	83	54	69	-3	2.47	6	13.65	+3.16	28	728	-71	1410
	Green_Lane	83	53	69	+2	1.70	5	14.88	+5.10	29	732	+124	1414
	Hamburg	82	51	68	-2	2.37	6	14.45	+3.69	31	705	+51	1380
	Lancaster_AP	83	51	70	+2	2.78	6	11.42	+1.86	32	743	+51	1435
	Neshaminy_Falls	85	51	70	+1	1.78	5	12.25	+1.44	29	770	+76	1462
	New_Holland	83	52	70	+3	3.06	5	14.14	+3.46	31	807	+201	1512
	Philadelphia_AP	86	58	73	+2	3.76	6	13.82	+4.85	25	996	+152	1731
	Philadelphia_NE	87	57	72	+4	3.01	6	12.57	+1.76	30	960	+266	1684
	Reading_AP	85	53	71	+2	2.29	6	12.70	+2.25	31	833	+122	1544
	Sellersville	84	48	66	-2	1.58	4	16.26	+5.45	29	630	-13	1289
West_Chester	85	49	70	+2	1.36	6	14.13	+3.76	35	724	+11	1398	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 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 is wet. Monday started morning temperatures 69 and humid and foggy then burned off till mid morning and sun into afternoon in mid 80's. Tuesday received 1 inch of rain in York Springs but other areas of county received at least 2 inches of rain with clouds and sun humid and 75 daytime. Wednesday morning 70 and thunderstorms around 4 am with 0.2" rain and various amounts throughout county. Thursday was another inch of rain and misty morning 65 degrees and into the 70's. Friday 0.5" rain since Thursday in York Springs but other areas of county received heavy rains over an inch. This morning started at 70 degrees. So not a lot of field work completed this week as rained everyday with various amounts around the county. Corn and soybean planting has come to pretty much a halt with the wet weather. Corn and soybeans planted earlier are now emerged however producers concerned about wet soil conditions and water laying in the fields as to how they will hold up? Hay making has also come to a halt as field conditions do not permit to mow let alone any sun to dry it. Producers are anxious to get back into their fields. Barley is ripening but may affect yields with wet weather. Wheat is maturing too but concerns about feed wheat and sprouting due to wet weather is being talked about. Other producers didn't think their wheat was looking too good but last few weeks has turned and looking better. Fruit crops continue to grow. Producers are also challenged with the wet weather we have been receiving and scab, etc affecting the fruit. No tart cherries in the county but some sweet cherries will be harvested. Apricots and plums were affected by cold temperatures earlier this spring. Sweet corn and other vegetables continue to grow. Strawberries are being harvested now but yields have been reported lower due to weather conditions. Overall the producers are keeping busy but would like to get the rest of their crops planted and be able to harvest.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Nice weather last week did not hold for this week, Mid week showers put a hold on hay making. Nearly all the corn is planted and it is between cuttings of hay. Barley is slow to mature. Still hand thinning peaches, looks like a fair crop. No cherries though.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Hay producers are having a difficult time trying to harvest dry hay. Low lying area's have drowned out some corn and soybeans.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Wet Week, 1.8 inches of rainfall. Field work limited during the week.

FOREST County, Tom Tanner

Many farmers trying to find a window to apply weed control applications. The rain has been often and trying for most folks this spring.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Rainfall during mid-week, limited the field activities. Corn is looking good; however, the soybeans are showing signs of insect damage and the stands are poor. Field activities were limited to spraying, planting and mowing.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

A rainy week kept farmers out of the fields. The humidity was beneficial to the corn and soybeans as the plants grew quite a bit. Spraying and haymaking were put on hold.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Hay harvesting continued at full speed during the week. Hay quality is lacking due to the late harvest and the weather. Side dressing of nitrogen in corn fields began in early planted fields. Soybeans planted in the last two weeks could use a soft rain to help germination and breaking thru the soil surface. Some wheat fields look poor and low yields are expected.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Difficult week for field work last week. On and off rain and hit and miss t-storms accumulated a widespread couple inches and some areas 3+. Some corn is approaching sidedressing stage and 2nd pass window for herbicide application, other corn still needs to be planted. Areas that didn't get too much rain were mowing hay on Saturday hoping to bale Monday before the next treat of rain. Comments from area farmers are that this year's raining spring/early summer weather is very similar to last year.

UNION County, Glenn L. Spangler

Misty conditions first half of week prevented most field work. No rainfall until later in week to benefit crop growth and soil moisture.

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