

Crop Progress & Condition



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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4 days suitable for field work this week. The average height of emerged corn is 25 inches. All corn is emerged in the state and grew 10 inches in the last week. Farmers have just started to harvest winter wheat. Alfalfa cutting has been good thanks to the low humidity, but it is not expected to continue through this week. Temperatures will range from the upper 80's to low 90's with periodic thunderstorms during the week. Temperatures are expected to drop slightly and conditions to dry for the holiday weekend. Field work will include cutting hay and harvesting winter wheat.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 29, 2014
(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	1%	74%	25%
Topsoil	0%	4%	70%	26%

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Hay	0	2	34	59	5
Corn	0	2	18	51	29
Oats	1	2	22	64	11
Other Hay	0	4	38	54	4
Pasture	4	2	18	58	18
Quality of Hay Made	1	4	23	43	29
Soybean	0	2	16	70	12
Winter Wheat	0	4	27	51	18

Crop Progress (in %):

	June 29	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	86	95	96
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	25	31	43
Barley Coloring	93	-	-
Barley Mature	82	94	97
Barley Harvested	52	45	73
Corn Emerged	95	97	96
Oats Headed	65	90	79
Oats Coloring	6	3	11
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	69	85	86
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	7	1	5
Potatoes Planted	94	-	-
Soybean Planted	93	95	96
Soybean Emerged	87	93	89
Tobacco Transplanted or Set	92	99	96
Winter Wheat Headed	92	-	-
Winter Wheat Coloring	77	95	93
Winter Wheat Mature	14	14	41
Winter Wheat Harvested	6	0	17

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June 29, 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	84	52	71	+5	2.66	6	17.60	+4.42	47	782	+97	1536
	Erie	87	61	74	+5	0.74	3	11.26	+0.39	36	939	+131	1694
	Franklin_AG	86	56	72	+4	4.40	5	19.37	+7.15	49	890	+130	1668
	Meadville-Port	85	59	73	+6	2.50	4	15.65	+4.22	44	938	+250	1731
	Springboro	86	56	71	+3	3.67	3	19.60	+8.27	43	768	+52	1483
	Warren	85	53	71	+4	2.80	4	16.47	+3.85	42	837	+124	1590
North Central	Bradford_Region	81	50	68	+4	3.22	4	16.19	+3.39	40	694	+169	1396
	Coudersport_1SW	82	47	67	+3	4.40	4	17.04	+4.73	45	642	+53	1297
	Kane	83	47	70	+8	2.18	4	18.07	+5.20	39	665	+217	1349
	Laporte	78	53	68	+3	0.86	3	13.97	+2.56	43	653	+56	1333
	Lock_Haven	86	57	72	+4	0.61	4	12.13	+0.53	39	915	+90	1698
	Oswayo	83	47	68	+4	3.54	3	14.49	+3.08	34	645	+110	1294
	Renovo	86	55	72	+3	0.91	3	13.19	+1.84	43	899	+60	1690
	Ridgway	84	53	70	+6	1.59	4	18.14	+5.58	45	778	+219	1515
	Stevenson_Dam	85	53	71	+3	1.43	3	13.86	+2.06	38	752	+47	1469
	Towanda	85	51	70	+3	0.85	2	8.17	-1.82	36	808	+72	1541
	Wellsboro	81	48	68	+4	2.12	3	12.68	+2.70	45	675	+139	1359
	Williamsport_AP	85	57	74	+5	0.59	2	11.52	-0.06	37	1050	+175	1864
Northeast	Hawley	84	50	68	+3	0.52	1	12.54	+0.67	37	705	+100	1411
	Milanville	83	45	68	+3	0.81	1	12.10	+0.23	33	796	+191	1538
	Susquehanna	83	51	69	+3	1.02	1	10.14	-1.81	39	756	+80	1474
	Wilkes-Barre	87	59	74	+5	0.46	2	7.75	-3.06	31	1017	+160	1810
West Central	Butler	88	57	72	+5	3.02	4	16.11	+4.30	43	877	+162	1678
	New_Castle_Ag	90	59	74	+5	3.80	4	16.89	+5.98	44	1011	+202	1821
	Slippery_Rock	92	58	74	+8	3.66	5	18.91	+7.01	45	984	+349	1792
Central	Altoona_AP	83	59	73	+4	0.74	3	14.49	+3.70	39	979	+115	1797
	Du_Bois	83	58	72	+6	0.29	2	14.49	+2.20	41	945	+251	1740
	Lewistown	88	59	74	+4	1.77	3	15.39	+3.58	36	1017	+115	1835
	Middletown	89	64	77	+4	0.52	2	14.83	+3.05	37	1204	+126	2064
	Prince_Gallitzi	83	54	71	+4	0.09	2	13.11	+2.62	45	838	+111	1603
	Selinsgrove_2S	89	58	74	+5	0.73	2	11.79	-0.12	34	940	+78	1730
	State_College_P	83	57	73	+4	1.80	2	14.04	+3.03	39	943	+123	1744
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	89	58	75	+4	0.98	1	16.47	+4.65	33	1079	+186	1897
	Lehighton	84	57	71	+4	0.58	3	15.43	+2.04	42	859	+120	1640
	Mt_Pocono	80	50	68	+4	0.59	2	13.54	+0.17	34	737	+241	1474
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	89	64	76	+7	0.70	5	14.00	+3.20	45	1265	+465	2128
	Chalk_Hill	86	54	69	+3	0.93	2	14.31	-0.55	47	827	+107	1583
	Connellsville_A	88	58	74	+5	0.60	2	17.28	+5.04	46	1044	+163	1868
	Indiana_3SE	87	57	72	+4	0.33	6	13.42	+0.40	48	867	+45	1657
	Meyersdale	83	53	68	+3	0.26	3	13.50	+1.05	43	706	+58	1442
	Pittsburgh_Intl	88	62	75	+5	1.05	3	12.68	+1.88	43	1146	+224	1995
	Waynesburg	87	60	72	+3	0.42	3	11.93	+0.98	43	974	+145	1786
South Central	Biglerville	88	60	74	+4	1.02	2	14.50	+2.68	34	1091	+217	1922
	Everett	84	55	70	+3	1.73	2	14.05	+3.13	40	780	-3	1542
	Hanover	87	59	73	0	0.84	2	14.16	+3.54	38	1035	-37	1864
	Harrisburg_AP	88	60	74	+1	0.72	2	15.33	+3.55	37	1124	+46	1974
	South_Mountain	84	50	70	-2	2.10	1	15.66	+2.09	37	827	-191	1606
	York_AP	87	58	74	+2	0.67	2	12.62	+0.67	39	1072	+12	1904
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	88	60	73	-2	0.85	1	14.95	+2.81	32	1046	-78	1868
	Green_Lane	87	58	73	+3	0.63	1	16.16	+4.72	32	1052	+166	1874
	Hamburg	87	50	72	+1	0.97	2	15.61	+2.73	36	1017	+71	1832
	Lancaster_AP	87	60	74	+3	1.42	1	12.98	+1.55	36	1073	+83	1905
	Neshaminy_Falls	89	58	74	+2	0.53	2	13.04	+0.29	33	1102	+99	1934
	New_Holland	88	61	75	+6	0.90	1	15.22	+2.73	34	1153	+275	1998
	Philadelphia_AP	90	63	77	+3	0.71	1	15.06	+4.51	28	1373	+193	2248
	Philadelphia_NE	90	61	76	+4	0.61	2	13.33	+0.58	34	1328	+325	2192
	Reading_AP	89	63	76	+4	0.73	1	13.77	+1.35	35	1187	+174	2038
	Sellersville	88	57	73	+2	0.38	1	17.81	+5.19	33	935	+8	1734
	West_Chester	90	57	73	+2	0.66	1	15.37	+3.00	38	1037	+21	1851

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 started Monday with morning temperature at 60 degrees with sunny blue skies and nice breeze and got into the 80's. Tuesday morning 70 sunny early then some clouds moved in and 80's. Wednesday was 70 and humid with clouds then sunny blue skies by lunchtime and more humid as day went on. Around 8 pm Thunderstorms with some areas getting various amounts of rain. York Springs got 1.5", 0.4" Fairfield, 0.8" Gettysburg. Thursday was 70 morning temp and sunny blue skies into the 80's and some areas got rain between 8-10 pm. New Oxford area received another inch of rainfall. Today started out in the 70's and sunny blue skies. Some late corn is still being planted. Corn planted earlier is now all emerged and looking pretty good except in wet areas of the fields. Most will be knee high by the Fourth of July. Soybeans continue to be planted mostly after hay and now will be after Barley and Wheat harvest. Barley harvest has begun with decent yields. Wheat harvest will be probably about a week later than normal due to weather conditions. Producers have been big gamblers this week with mowing and making hay as each days forecasted weather had rain of some sort. Some producers hit it lucky and got it made before the rains and others did not fare as well. Quality of hay is not all that good as it is later being harvested this year. Fruit crops continue to mature. If there are any cherries they are being harvested in the county now but majority of them did not have any cherries due to cold temps in late April. Apples and peaches are getting some size to them as you can see while driving down the roads of Adams County. Producers are hoping for good weather and crop yields for the rest of their fruit. Vegetables are doing well. Sweet corn should have some around the 4th of July in the county where planted early. Blueberries and raspberries are being harvested in the county. Strawberries are pretty much done.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Barley harvest was average to excellent and good stray yield. Wheat looks similar to barley. Second cutting of alfalfa is about normal. Local heavy storms this week laid some wheat down, but should recover by harvest time, which is at least two weeks off.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Producers are unable to harvest dry hay. Post herbicide applications are also being delayed. There are many fields of yellow corn and water lying in fields.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Some good days for field work. Crops look good. 1 inch of rainfall in my gauge.

FOREST County, Tom Tanner

The storms have stopped the harvesting of hay. In the last two weeks a tornado reported in Sligo, Clarion County and West Hickory of Forest County. Weather is calling for rain this week. The hay crop is beyond mature and in many places flatten to the ground from storms. Producers unable to provide quality weed control for row crops.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Heavy rain at the beginning of the week slowed the field activities. Barley is being harvested and the test weight is below normal. Wheat is near ready to be harvested. Corn is growing at an unbelievable rate, more than knee high by the 4th. Activities for the week were spraying, haymaking and harvesting.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Timely rains have the corn growing like a weed in most areas of the county. 0.75 to 1.25 inches fell in most areas of the county. Tobacco planting is now finished and the crop is off to a good start. Barley harvest is wrapping up and wheat is in full swing.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

This was a good week to make hay. There were several ideal days in a row. Humidity was low which allowed for good hay drying for bales. Corn and soybeans are growing nicely.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Making first cutting hay the week of July 4th is not a good thing. Nitrogen side dressing continues in corn fields. Next week's weather forecast long range will limit hay making again.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Wet conditions with off and on showers are keeping things wetter than normal. Hay making negatively affected by wet weather. There are wet spots in crop fields. Some sweet corn that was planted under plastic is being harvested.

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