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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work last week.

Another dry week provided perfect conditions for hay cutting and drying in addition corn silage harvests. Dry conditions allowed enough rapid maturing of corn for the first grain harvests to occur. Peach harvests are nearly all complete and apples continue to yield healthy crops, also benefitting from the dry weather. Clear, sunny and dry weather expected throughout the week with some warmer weather in the low 80s approaching by the weekend. Expected field activities include silo filling, haymaking, and plowing.

**PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**  
(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	2	22	72	4
Topsoil	9	25	61	5

**Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	2	6	12	45	35
Corn	0	2	16	54	28
Pasture and Range	5	9	34	37	15
Quality of Hay Made	1	5	16	40	38
Soybeans	0	1	11	57	31

**Crop Progress (in %):**

	Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	92	97	96
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	59	66	66
Apples Harvested	49	67	60
Barley Planted	31	51	33
Barley Emerged	16	0	5
Corn Dent	83	86	84
Corn Mature	38	45	42
Corn Harvested for Grain	5	10	10
Corn Harvested for Silage	55	55	60
Fall Tillage	41	-	-
Grapes Harvested	10	19	20
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	94	100	100
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	75	-	-
Peaches Harvested	83	100	100
Potatoes Harvested	50	74	58
Soybeans Fully Podded	84	-	-
Soybeans Coloring	60	-	-
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	35	-	-
Tobacco Cut	87	-	-
Winter Wheat Planted	15	26	16

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## September 21, 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	77	42	57	-4	0.32	2	30.76	+4.63	93	2122	+29	3716	
	Erie	79	47	61	-3	0.79	2	20.78	-1.07	68	2571	+90	4166	
	Franklin_AG	77	44	58	-4	0.40	1	34.38	+9.73	89	2355	+54	3973	
	Meadville-Port	75	43	59	-3	0.31	1	28.84	+5.59	86	2392	+260	4025	
	Springboro	75	40	56	-5	0.62	2	31.05	+9.27	82	2066	-104	3621	
	Warren	77	42	58	-4	0.45	1	29.65	+5.41	83	2227	+29	3820	
North Central	Bradford_Region	72	34	55	-2	0.44	1	27.85	+3.72	73	1840	+167	3380	
	Coudersport_1SW	75	37	55	-3	0.41	1	29.38	+5.91	86	1766	+8	3261	
	Kane	75	42	56	+1	0.34	1	34.95	10.26	79	1729	+274	3253	
	Laporte	66	40	52	-7	0.04	1	27.60	+6.52	74	1815	-92	3333	
	Lock_Haven	77	42	58	-5	0.02	1	21.86	-0.94	69	2461	+18	4084	
	Oswayo	73	35	54	-4	0.40	2	26.16	+3.66	70	1709	-9	3197	
	Renovo	78	44	59	-4	0.07	1	23.06	+1.82	79	2414	-6	4045	
	Ridgway	76	42	56	-3	0.41	1	29.47	+5.34	85	2069	+275	3646	
	Stevenson_Dam	77	42	57	-5	0.28	2	22.30	-0.73	75	2137	-81	3694	
	Towanda	72	41	56	-5	0.14	1	17.09	-1.66	61	2202	-28	3775	
	Wellsboro	74	38	54	-4	0.21	1	22.98	+3.97	78	1789	+63	3313	
	Williamsport_AP	76	45	61	-2	0.02	1	22.41	+0.38	67	2781	+236	4435	
Northeast	Hawley	70	37	54	-5	0.07	2	24.66	+2.85	70	1999	+64	3545	
	Milanville	79	40	57	-2	0.00	0	21.09	-0.72	60	2230	+295	3811	
	Susquehanna	71	39	55	-5	0.25	1	20.67	-1.73	68	2128	+68	3686	
	Wilkes-Barre	74	43	59	-4	0.02	1	14.91	-5.60	58	2720	+238	4353	
West Central	Butler	78	40	57	-4	0.22	1	28.87	+5.49	81	2314	+142	3955	
	New_Castle_Ag	82	42	60	-4	0.21	1	27.05	+5.52	82	2630	+206	4280	
	Slippery_Rock	82	40	58	-2	0.26	1	30.94	+7.62	85	2536	+554	4184	
Central	Altoona_AP	78	40	59	-3	0.01	1	23.66	+3.97	70	2526	+51	4184	
	Du_Bois	75	39	57	-3	0.18	1	29.84	+6.62	79	2338	+248	3973	
	Lewistown	79	45	60	-3	0.02	1	26.48	+4.63	70	2670	+72	4328	
	Middletown	81	49	64	-2	0.01	1	23.42	+2.47	62	3204	+186	4904	
	Prince_Gallitzi	77	38	57	-4	0.06	1	22.96	+1.98	83	2195	+23	3800	
	Selinsgrove_2S	79	45	60	-3	0.01	1	21.88	-0.55	65	2582	+61	4212	
	State_College_P	75	44	58	-4	0.06	1	28.88	+8.16	79	2436	+55	4077	
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	78	43	61	-3	0.09	1	23.99	+0.27	58	2894	+291	4552	
	Lehighton	74	42	57	-5	0.04	1	24.53	-1.37	70	2368	+101	3989	
	Mt_Pocono	70	37	54	-3	0.02	1	21.13	-3.97	59	2053	+375	3630	
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	79	44	61	-2	0.08	1	23.54	+2.95	76	2979	+611	4682	
	Chalk_Hill	77	35	54	-7	0.12	2	29.62	+1.61	85	2124	+36	3720	
	Connellsville_A	81	43	60	-4	0.01	1	29.03	+5.53	84	2703	+166	4367	
	Indiana_3SE	79	41	59	-5	0.12	1	25.88	+0.59	91	2324	-51	3954	
	Meyersdale	79	39	56	-5	0.02	1	21.27	-1.63	77	1956	-55	3532	
	Pittsburgh_Intl	78	42	61	-3	0.13	1	23.36	+2.74	76	2818	+198	4507	
	Waynesburg	80	41	57	-6	0.03	1	19.65	-1.72	78	2514	+95	4166	
South Central	Biglerville	80	47	61	-2	0.00	0	23.07	+0.78	53	2863	+281	4534	
	Everett	81	38	57	-6	0.00	0	17.68	-2.46	68	2163	-168	3765	
	Hanover	78	43	59	-7	0.00	0	23.47	+4.27	64	2715	-254	4384	
	Harrisburg_AP	81	47	63	-4	0.01	1	23.39	+2.44	62	2943	-75	4633	
	South_Mountain	74	42	57	-8	0.00	0	22.87	-2.07	65	2239	-528	3858	
	York_AP	80	41	60	-6	0.00	0	20.16	-1.92	64	2778	-138	4450	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	77	46	61	-6	0.16	1	21.93	-2.75	52	2849	-266	4511	
	Green_Lane	77	45	61	-3	0.14	1	24.21	+1.27	57	2838	+236	4500	
	Hamburg	76	44	60	-4	0.04	1	26.66	+2.18	63	2727	+18	4382	
	Lancaster_AP	78	44	61	-4	0.01	1	22.44	+0.02	62	2834	+1	4506	
	Neshaminy_Falls	80	46	63	-3	0.06	1	22.34	-4.30	59	2967	+71	4639	
	New_Holland	81	47	64	+2	0.27	2	27.23	+2.80	62	2999	+432	4684	
	Philadelphia_AP	79	53	66	-3	0.20	1	23.67	+1.99	49	3538	+234	5253	
	Philadelphia_NE	80	50	65	0	0.10	1	21.87	-4.77	60	3442	+546	5146	
	Reading_AP	79	45	63	-3	0.08	1	22.84	-0.51	63	3098	+234	4789	
	Sellersville	76	43	61	-4	0.27	1	26.04	+0.40	56	2625	-69	4264	
	West_Chester	79	41	60	-5	0.02	1	23.49	-0.76	66	2806	-59	4460	

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 had a nice week of early fall weather. Started off 48 degrees on Monday with daytime temperatures in the mid 70's. Tuesday was 53 sunny and blue skies with a few clouds. Wednesday morning was 48 degrees and into the mid 70's with sunny/blue skies, Thursday started off cloudy mid 50's but by lunchtime sunshine and mid 70's. Today started off 48 degrees with sunny, blue skies and suppose to get into the 70's. Weekend is to be nice but cooler. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Corn silage is being harvested and other early corn starting to dry down but moisture still pretty high. Most corn looks pretty good except in areas that didn't get some rains this summer. Soybeans are looking pretty good. Early soybeans leaves are starting to color and some dropping off. Fall seedings of hay, barley, wheat and other forage crops are occurring in the county. More wheat will be seeded once corn and soybeans are harvested. Hay continues to be made this week. Peach harvest is completed. Most producers had a nice crop this year and prices were decent as Western PA and other states didn't have too many peaches available. Apples continue to be harvested with more varieties ready to harvest. Packing houses for Fresh apples and Processors for apples to be processed into various ways of enjoying an apple are busy receiving apples. Upper Adams Jaycees are preparing for the 50th National Apple Harvest Festival which will be held October 4-5 and 11-12 near Arendtsville, PA. Vegetables are still being harvested around the county also with cooler temperatures coming the fresh vegetables will soon be completed. Pumpkins have been picked and sold so all can enjoy this fall. Nice yields for pumpkins are being reported in the county. Overall the producers are still busy planting for next year, harvesting for this years crops and readying equipment for use on their farms. Daylight time to work is getting shorter due to Fall arriving soon.

### **ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr**

Dry weather has helped with apple harvest. Looks like a normal season at this time. Corn harvest is well under way and most of the silage crop has been harvested. Some areas were a little light but most of the area was above normal. Looks like an exceptional bean crop coming on.

### **ADAMS County, Lee Showalter**

Gala harvest has been completed. Quality was excellent. Honeycrisp harvest will be complete early this week. Quality has been excellent. Golden Delicious harvest for the fresh market will commence this coming week. Quality is very good with some variability in size.

### **ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER/ County, Luke Fritz**

Hay and corn silage being harvested.

### **CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker**

Great weather for outdoor tasks. 3/8 inch of rainfall for the week.

### **JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer**

The dry soil conditions is causing the corn to ripen at a fast pace. Some of the best quality dry hay was made this week. Fall seeded crops; especially Alfalfa is suffering. Main activities for the week were silo filling, haymaking and preparations for fall harvest.

### **LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill**

Significant acreage of soybean harvested end of last week. Yields very good if not quite what they were last year. Many growers will start high moisture and some dry shelled corn this week. Tobacco harvest is winding down- looking like an excellent crop. Small grain and cover crop plantings are going out this week.

### **MERCER County, Jim Rust**

Many acres of hay was baled last week and most baled in good condition. Weather outlook for this week is excellent for drying hay. Local Amish are cutting and hauling corn silage. Area produce auctions and farmers markets are selling excellent produce.

### **WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega**

Dry week. Corn and soybeans progressing. Could use some rain. Very dry conditions developing.

### **YORK County, John Rowehl**

Continues to be dry.

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