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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Yet another dry week allowed for abundant hay making allowing some to fill stocks completely. Those who hadn't already started harvesting corn for silage began this week. Corn and soybeans continue maturing well in these dry conditions with soybean harvests beginning in some counties. Aside from some possible showers on Tuesday it looks like we're in for another partly cloudy, cool and dry week. Expected field activities include spreading manure and fertilizer, silo filing and haymaking.

**PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	6	29	62	3
Topsoil	20	24	51	5

**Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	2	6	19	41	32
Corn	0	2	16	54	28
Pasture and Range	6	13	36	37	8
Quality of Hay Made	1	4	16	41	38
Soybeans	0	2	10	57	31

**Crop Progress (in %):**

	Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	71	79	75
Apples Harvested	65	78	71
Barley Planted	51	76	47
Barley Emerged	35	17	19
Corn Dent	94	96	91
Corn Mature	54	69	59
Corn Harvested for Grain	9	20	17
Corn Harvested for Silage	68	77	73
Fall Tillage	49	-	-
Grapes Harvested	20	24	38
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	85	-	-
Peaches Harvested	84	100	100
Potatoes Harvested	69	88	69
Soybeans Fully Podded	88	-	-
Soybeans Coloring	77	-	-
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	53	-	-
Soybeans Harvested	5	12	7
Tobacco Cut	93	-	-
Winter Wheat Planted	31	44	26
Winter Wheat Emerged	13	2	6

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## September 28, 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	37	57	0	0.37	2	31.13	+3.96	95	2177	+30	3838
	Erie	77	46	61	0	0.01	1	20.79	-2.13	69	2650	+92	4315
	Franklin_AG	78	39	59	0	0.13	2	34.51	+8.91	91	2421	+55	4106
	Meadville-Port	76	40	59	+2	0.18	1	29.02	+4.84	87	2460	+268	4160
	Springboro	76	39	56	-2	0.48	2	31.53	+8.78	84	2116	-111	3737
Warren	79	41	59	0	0.18	1	29.83	+4.67	84	2292	+31	3952	
North Central	Bradford_Region	76	34	54	0	0.21	1	28.06	+3.00	74	1879	+168	3482
	Coudersport_ISW	80	35	55	+1	0.10	2	29.48	+5.13	88	1810	+13	3369
	Kane	77	36	55	+2	0.23	1	34.50	+8.89	78	1759	+276	3349
	Laporte	73	37	55	-2	0.76	2	28.36	+6.44	76	1856	-97	3440
	Lock_Haven	81	40	59	-1	0.13	3	21.99	-1.66	72	2526	+14	4219
	Oswayo	77	32	55	0	0.38	1	25.92	+2.49	67	1722	-34	3271
	Renovo	80	43	60	+2	0.36	2	23.42	+1.35	81	2486	+1	4187
	Ridgway	79	37	57	+2	0.51	2	29.93	+4.93	87	2126	+289	3769
	Stevenson_Dam	81	41	60	+2	0.31	1	22.61	-1.31	76	2206	-73	3833
	Towanda	82	38	59	+1	0.17	1	17.26	-2.26	62	2266	-23	3908
	Wellsboro	76	36	55	0	0.18	2	23.16	+3.42	80	1831	+65	3421
Williamsport_AP	81	40	62	+3	0.40	1	22.81	-0.12	68	2868	+253	4592	
Northeast	Hawley	81	36	56	0	0.15	1	24.81	+2.14	71	2045	+63	3658
	Milanville	83	39	59	+3	0.14	1	21.23	-1.44	61	2292	+310	3943
	Susquehanna	80	38	58	+2	0.21	1	20.88	-2.36	69	2187	+75	3814
	Wilkes-Barre	84	41	62	+3	0.20	1	15.11	-6.29	59	2802	+253	4505
West Central	Butler	79	37	58	0	0.01	1	28.88	+4.64	82	2376	+145	4084
	New_Castle_Ag	86	40	62	+3	0.23	1	27.28	+4.94	83	2707	+210	4427
	Slippery_Rock	86	37	59	+3	0.08	2	31.02	+6.86	87	2603	+566	4321
Central	Altoona_AP	78	38	58	-2	0.14	2	23.80	+3.41	72	2588	+43	4314
	Du_Bois	77	37	58	+2	0.37	1	30.21	+6.13	80	2399	+256	4099
	Lewistown	81	43	61	+2	0.17	3	26.65	+3.97	73	2751	+79	4479
	Middletown	86	48	65	+3	0.83	3	24.25	+2.47	65	3310	+201	5080
	Prince_Gallitzi	76	34	57	-1	0.02	1	23.00	+1.19	85	2251	+23	3922
	Selinsgrove_2S	81	40	61	+2	0.00	0	21.88	-1.44	65	2657	+66	4357
	State_College_P	78	41	58	-1	0.00	0	28.88	+7.35	79	2495	+51	4205
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	84	40	62	+3	0.30	2	24.29	-0.39	60	2979	+304	4707
	Lehighton	77	40	59	+1	0.02	1	24.55	-2.36	71	2431	+106	4122
	Mt_Pocono	80	42	59	+5	0.23	2	21.36	-4.87	61	2118	+405	3765
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	78	40	62	+4	0.08	1	23.62	+2.30	77	3067	+630	4840
	Chalk_Hill	78	32	56	-2	0.81	2	30.43	+1.40	87	2172	+27	3833
	Connellsville_A	80	40	60	0	0.15	1	29.18	+4.90	85	2776	+164	4510
	Indiana_3SE	79	37	59	-2	0.11	2	25.99	-0.25	93	2389	-57	4087
	Meyersdale	77	35	56	-2	0.18	1	21.45	-2.25	78	2002	-63	3644
	Pittsburgh_Intl	80	38	61	+1	0.02	1	23.38	+2.08	77	2900	+202	4657
	Waynesburg	80	38	59	-2	0.50	1	20.15	-1.89	79	2577	+88	4299
South Central	Biglerville	84	43	61	+2	0.72	3	23.79	+0.45	56	2944	+290	4685
	Everett	82	35	57	-3	0.06	1	17.74	-3.15	69	2214	-182	3885
	Hanover	83	39	59	-4	0.45	2	23.92	+3.90	66	2781	-277	4520
	Harrisburg_AP	85	45	63	0	0.67	3	24.06	+2.28	65	3037	-72	4797
	South_Mountain	78	37	57	-6	0.79	3	23.66	-2.40	68	2290	-563	3979
York_AP	85	40	61	-3	0.66	3	20.82	-2.20	67	2855	-150	4597	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	81	40	61	-4	0.39	2	22.32	-3.39	54	2926	-285	4658
	Green_Lane	82	43	62	+2	0.47	2	24.68	+0.81	59	2921	+244	4653
	Hamburg	82	47	62	+3	0.10	1	26.76	+1.21	64	2814	+30	4539
	Lancaster_AP	83	43	62	-1	0.43	3	22.87	-0.60	65	2916	-1	4658
	Neshaminy_Falls	84	41	63	0	0.66	1	23.00	-4.72	60	3057	+73	4799
	New_Holland	84	44	63	+3	0.83	1	28.06	+2.51	63	3091	+447	4846
	Philadelphia_AP	84	50	66	+1	0.93	2	24.60	+2.06	51	3652	+239	5437
	Philadelphia_NE	85	47	66	+4	0.53	3	22.40	-5.32	63	3553	+569	5327
	Reading_AP	83	43	63	+2	0.55	3	23.39	-0.95	66	3190	+240	4951
	Sellersville	82	40	61	-1	0.72	2	26.76	+0.03	58	2701	-74	4410
West_Chester	82	40	60	-3	0.67	3	24.16	-1.16	69	2874	-76	4598	

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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