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Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work last week. Favorably dry and cool weather has allowed for plenty of field work. Hay harvests have nearly all finished. Corn silage harvests continue into their 3rd week while many have also started harvesting for grain. Soybean harvests are progress steadily while grape harvests made rapid progress. Winter wheat and barley are nearly half planted with some crops emerging. Rains expected on Tuesday and Friday this week with temperatures dropping from the low 70s to the low 60s as the week progresses with mostly cloudy skies. Expected field activities include silo filing, topdressing and fall seeding.

Crop Progress (in %):

	Oct 5 th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	81	N/A*	81
Apples Harvested	74	N/A*	80
Barley Planted	64	N/A*	58
Barley Emerged	50	N/A*	33
Corn Mature	79	N/A*	72
Corn Harvested for Grain	15	N/A*	24
Corn Harvested for Silage	77	N/A*	80
Fall Tillage	58	N/A*	-
Grapes Harvested	58	N/A*	55
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	90	N/A*	100
Potatoes Harvested	81	N/A*	78
Soybeans Fully Podded	93	N/A*	-
Soybeans Coloring	86	N/A*	-
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	73	N/A*	-
Soybeans Harvested	12	N/A*	14
Winter Wheat Planted	48	N/A*	39
Winter Wheat Emerged	27	N/A*	15

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 5th, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	6	23	68	3
Topsoil	14	18	66	2

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	2	15	55	28
Pasture and Range	7	10	44	32	7
Quality of Hay Made	1	7	27	39	26
Soybeans	0	1	10	58	31

* Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/weather and click on "Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin."

October 5, 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	58	+5	0.62	2	31.71	+3.67	96	2242	+55	3968
	Erie	78	41	62	+4	1.61	3	22.40	-1.52	72	2737	+118	4470
	Franklin_AG	77	40	60	+5	1.06	3	35.57	+9.16	94	2495	+80	4246
	Meadville-Port	76	38	59	+4	1.00	3	30.02	+4.97	90	2530	+293	4293
	Springboro	77	39	58	+3	1.47	3	33.00	+9.38	87	2179	-91	3865
Warren	79	38	60	+5	0.59	2	30.42	+4.43	86	2370	+62	4096	
North Central	Bradford_Region	75	34	56	+5	0.44	2	28.50	+2.63	76	1931	+194	3596
	Coudersport_1SW	78	30	57	+5	0.58	3	30.06	+4.90	91	1868	+41	3490
	Kane	75	35	55	+5	0.88	2	35.38	+8.94	80	1801	+299	3455
	Laporte	73	33	57	+5	0.49	3	28.85	+6.15	79	1915	-70	3563
	Lock_Haven	81	35	60	+4	0.77	3	22.76	-1.64	75	2601	+38	4363
	Oswayo	77	30	56	+4	0.70	3	26.41	+2.16	70	1759	-23	3370
	Renovo	79	34	61	+5	0.31	3	23.73	+0.93	84	2568	+33	4335
	Ridgway	76	34	58	+6	0.30	3	30.23	+4.46	90	2193	+324	3900
	Stevenson_Dam	79	33	60	+5	0.25	1	22.86	-1.86	77	2282	-42	3974
	Towanda	82	32	61	+6	0.74	3	18.00	-2.21	65	2346	+13	4053
	Wellsboro	77	31	56	+4	1.11	2	24.27	+3.87	82	1883	+86	3536
Williamsport_AP	79	35	63	+7	0.49	4	23.30	-0.43	72	2960	+292	4753	
Northeast	Hawley	81	31	59	+7	0.36	2	25.17	+1.73	73	2116	+100	3796
	Milanville	83	36	61	+8	0.32	1	21.55	-1.89	62	2368	+352	4089
	Susquehanna	81	34	60	+7	0.58	3	21.46	-2.58	72	2263	+113	3957
	Wilkes-Barre	83	33	63	+7	0.21	3	15.32	-6.88	62	2898	+298	4669
West Central	Butler	78	39	59	+5	1.03	3	29.91	+4.97	85	2448	+173	4221
	New_Castle_Ag	80	38	60	+4	0.95	4	28.23	+5.20	87	2785	+232	4570
	Slippery_Rock	79	39	60	+6	1.12	3	32.14	+7.25	90	2677	+599	4462
Central	Altoona_AP	76	39	60	+4	0.85	2	24.65	+3.61	74	2666	+65	4459
	Du_Bois	74	35	59	+5	0.65	3	30.86	+6.02	83	2467	+285	4231
	Lewistown	78	38	62	+5	1.21	3	27.86	+4.44	76	2835	+107	4632
	Middletown	82	39	64	+5	0.81	3	25.06	+2.53	68	3409	+229	5249
	Prince_Gallitzi	77	38	59	+5	0.38	3	23.38	+0.87	88	2318	+47	4055
	Selinsgrove_2S	80	34	61	+5	0.56	3	22.44	-1.69	68	2737	+95	4504
	State_College_P	75	38	60	+5	0.76	3	29.64	+7.38	82	2568	+77	4345
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	84	33	65	+8	0.37	2	24.66	-0.88	62	3083	+352	4881
	Lehighton	79	35	62	+7	0.67	2	25.22	-2.63	73	2515	+147	4276
	Mt_Pocono	79	32	59	+8	0.70	4	22.06	-5.15	65	2186	+448	3899
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	79	38	62	+6	0.48	3	24.10	+2.18	80	3155	+665	4992
	Chalk_Hill	76	38	57	+3	0.80	3	31.23	+1.28	90	2234	+46	3960
	Connellsville_A	81	39	62	+5	0.72	4	29.90	+4.91	89	2864	+195	4665
	Indiana_3SE	76	36	60	+3	0.73	2	26.71	-0.32	94	2465	-37	4227
	Meyersdale	77	35	58	+4	0.80	3	22.25	-2.20	81	2067	-38	3772
	Pittsburgh_Intl	80	40	60	+3	1.01	3	24.39	+2.51	80	2978	+219	4800
Waynesburg	78	40	60	+4	0.73	4	20.88	-1.77	83	2653	+110	4439	
South Central	Biglerville	81	34	63	+6	0.81	2	24.60	+0.34	58	3036	+327	4845
	Everett	79	39	60	+5	0.66	3	18.40	-3.19	72	2283	-163	4023
	Hanover	80	36	61	+3	2.09	2	26.01	+5.24	68	2860	-268	4669
	Harrisburg_AP	83	38	64	+5	1.05	2	25.11	+2.58	67	3139	-41	4969
	South_Mountain	76	37	59	0	0.87	3	25.19	-1.88	71	2358	-563	4114
York_AP	81	35	62	+3	2.17	2	22.99	-0.85	69	2943	-132	4755	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	83	37	65	+4	0.64	2	22.96	-3.66	56	3030	-258	4832
	Green_Lane	82	37	63	+7	0.33	1	25.01	+0.31	60	3015	+280	4817
	Hamburg	83	35	63	+6	0.87	1	27.63	+1.14	65	2911	+71	4706
	Lancaster_AP	82	35	63	+4	0.78	4	23.65	-0.78	69	3007	+24	4819
	Neshaminy_Falls	78	36	63	+4	0.50	3	23.50	-5.15	63	3149	+95	4959
	New_Holland	79	36	62	+6	0.34	3	28.40	+1.83	66	3183	+481	5006
	Philadelphia_AP	86	43	68	+6	0.23	2	24.83	+1.55	53	3776	+275	5631
	Philadelphia_NE	86	41	67	+8	0.37	2	22.77	-5.88	65	3674	+620	5518
	Reading_AP	85	36	65	+7	0.35	2	23.74	-1.47	68	3297	+280	5128
Sellersville	82	34	63	+5	0.39	2	27.15	-0.55	60	2795	-43	4574	
West_Chester	84	32	62	+4	0.35	2	24.51	-1.72	71	2960	-56	4754	

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 pretty nice week of weather. Monday started in the 60's and got into the 70's and sunny. Tuesday was 60 morning temp and then 70's with thunderstorms in evening with 1 inch accumulation in York Springs area. Wednesday morning 60 degrees with some sun later in the day and around 73 degrees. Thursday morning was 57 degrees and into 70's. Friday was cooler in the 60's and rain late afternoon and into the night and early Saturday morning. Saturday morning started out 57 degrees and rain conditions until mid morning then cleared off with sunshine and breezy conditions and higher 60's. Sunday morning was 35 degrees and frosty. Temperatures yesterday stayed in the higher 50's daytime and the sun came out and made it a very nice fall day. Not known how the frost on Sunday morning will affect crops. Corn silage is about complete unless corn planted later. High moisture corn is still being made and some ear corn being picked with some producers combining for dry grain where conditions of corn are good. Some corn is still pretty green and with recent cold temperatures may start to be looking brown. Soybeans continue to mature. Early soybeans are changing leaf colors and losing their leaves. Some soybeans are getting close to being harvested. Hay continues to be made in the field when weather permits. Regrowth has continued since we've been getting some rainfall all summer. New hay seeded in August is looking pretty good. Small grains are being planted when the fields are ready after harvesting the 2014 crop. More small grains will be seeded as corn and soybeans are harvested. Apples continue to be harvested. Producers are reporting a nice crop this year and trying to get picked before heavy rains or winds cause apples to drop off of trees. Stink bugs are causing some issues with the fruit. Other vegetables are being harvested throughout the county with longer season also since green conditions occurred.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Good week for apple harvesting. Size and quality are good, but some varieties volume is off. Looks like good economical return for the growers. Late week showers did little to slow down corn harvesting but helped the newly seeded fall grains and grasses.

BEAVER/BUTLER/ALLEGHENY County, Luke Fritz

Friday was the first rain in 3 weeks. Hay harvest is over, soybean harvest started. Corn silage harvest 50% complete. Good yields reported.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Great fall weather. Fall field work including silo filling, wheat sowing etc continued. Rainfall 1 inch.

CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO County, Tom Tanner

Started harvesting corn silage.

COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum

Dry

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Much needed rain fell during the week which freshened up the emerged newly seeded crops. Main activities for the week were silo filling, topdressing and fall seeding.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Corn yields look excellent in most areas of the county. One PSU 5 Acre contest field went 292 bu/a !!! cover crops and small grains going in this week.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

There were rain showers and storms this week. .8 to 3 inches of rain fell. Some fields were saturated but soon dried off. Combines were rolling in soybeans fields. Corn is being harvested. Manure was spread on fields.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Local Amish are cutting and hauling corn silage. Area produce auctions and farmers markets are selling excellent quality produce. The area received 1.7 inches of rainfall this past week.

UNION County, James C. Brubaker

Started both corn and bean harvest this week. Yields look to be the best we have ever had.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Very dry, very warm conditions. Corn and soybeans ripening at a rapid rate. Silage corn harvest in full swing. Pastures showing signs of stress due to dry conditions.

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