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Crop Progress & Condition



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Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work last week. Progress with soybean and corn grain harvests is moving steadily, both crops having dried well due to last week's favorable weather. Apple and grape harvests as well as alfalfa cuttings have neared completion and have all reported favorable crop conditions in spite of a late finish. This week's forecast predicts a daytime high in the mid 60s on Tuesday but steadily dropping as low as 29 degrees by Saturday night. A mix of rain and snow may hit us by next Monday. Expected field activities include harvesting, applying lime and spreading manure.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 9th, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Subsoil	8	11	77	4	
Topsoil	8	8	78	6	

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Quality of Hay Made	1	6	33	40	20
Soybeans	0	1	13	62	24

Crop Progress (in %):

	Nov 9 th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	94	100	100
Apples Harvested	94	100	100
Barley Planted	95	100	100
Barley Emerged	92	96	89
Corn Harvested for Grain	65	75	70
Fall Tillage	84	-	-
Grapes Harvested	96	99	-
Soybeans Harvested	78	86	73
Winter Wheat Planted	95	92	88
Winter Wheat Emerged	88	78	73

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014						
											GDD Base		Base	
		Temperature		Precipi			cipita		50F		40F			
Region	Station	Hi	Lo		DFN	Total	Days				Total		Total	
Northwest	Clarion	65	24	40	-3	0.87	4		+5.01	116	2313	+77	4261	
	Erie	67	36	47	+1	0.34	3	26.14	-2.17	91	2888		4903	
	Franklin_AG	67	27	42	-3	0.83	5	40.61	10.72	115	2579	+89	4576	
	Meadville-Port	65	30	-	0	0.81	5	33.71	+4.61	110	2638		4642	
	Springboro	64	29	42	-2	0.88	5	37.82	10.58	109	2255	-76	4152	
	Warren	66	28	42	-2	0.81	6	34.10	+4.16	105	2458	+78	4414	
North Central	Bradford_Region	62	27	41	+1	0.80	5	33.08	+3.50	97	2008	+244	3868	
	Coudersport_1SW	66	24	39	-2	0.86	5	33.71	+4.70	112	1931	+73	3727	
	Kane	63	28	40	+2	0.88	5	40.05	+9.67	100	1869	+354	3697	
	Laporte	60	24	40	-2	0.40	3	33.56	+7.14	95	1981	-40	3819	
	Lock_Haven	69	26	44	+2	0.33	3	25.29	-2.67	88	2739	+102	4776	
	Oswayo	66	25	40	-1	0.75	6	29.91	+2.18	93	1834	+26	3617	
	Renovo	67	28	44	-1	0.54	4	26.77	+0.56	97	2674	+57	4718	
	Ridgway	66	27	41	0	0.91	5	34.47	+5.03	109	2275	+372	4202	
	Stevenson_Dam	69	23	42	-1	0.69	4	26.14	-2.30	91	2367	-19	4308	
	Towanda	66	28	44	+2	0.40	2	21.16	-2.11	79	2453	+54	4394	
	Wellsboro	64	25	41	0	0.62	4	27.54	+4.19	99	1952	+119	3806	
	Williamsport_AP	69	28	47	+4	0.14	3	25.48	-1.93	86	3134	+386	5227	
Northeast	Hawley	68	28	43	+1	0.08	2	29.03	+1.94	93	2193	+135	4087	
	Milanville	69	29	44	+3	0.06	1	26.00	-1.09	81	2463	+405	4434	
	Susquehanna	66	28	43	+1	0.21	2	25.15	-3.04	88	2356	+158	4281	
	Wilkes-Barre	68	29	48	+4	0.13	2	19.49	-6.08	78	3090	+406	5150	
West Central	Butler	65	24	41	-2	0.81	4	32.96	+4.90	105	2526	+189	4537	
	New_Castle_Ag	66	28	43	-2	0.76	3	31.75	+5.73	105	2893	+247	4940	
	Slippery_Rock	65	28	43	+1	0.82	4	36.11	+7.88	106	2776	+640	4809	
Central	Altoona_AP	66	28	46	+1	0.53	3	27.85	+3.56	89	2798	+94	4872	
	Du_Bois	63	26	42	0	0.78	4	34.47	+6.33	98	2557	+322	4553	
	Lewistown	72	29	47	+3	0.51	2	32.08	+5.15	87	2987	+166	5091	
	Middletown	71	30	48	+1	0.81	2	27.88	+1.80	81	3629	+304	5783	
	Prince_Gallitzi	67	26	43	+1	0.61	3	26.25	+0.67	107	2404	+74	4389	
	Selinsgrove_2S	69	25	44	-1	0.28	3	25.14	-2.71	80	2867	+143	4912	
	State_College_P	66	30	45	+2	0.45	2	32.98	+7.34	96	2677	+114	4734	
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	70	26	46	+2	0.43	2	27.33	-2.00	76	3278	+451	5367	
	Lehighton	64	29	45	+3	0.29	3	30.89	-1.51	92	2625	+196	4654	
	Mt_Pocono	65	25	43	+4	0.29	3	26.98	-4.53	82	2292	+530	4240	
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	66	27	45	+2	0.97	4	27.33	+2.61	96	3314	+739	5440	
	Chalk_Hill	65	23	41	-2	1.24	4	36.16	+1.98	110	2310	+53	4252	
	Connellsville_A	67	26	45	-1	1.14	5	34.80	+6.44	111	2983	+214	5067	
	Indiana_3SE	66	23	42	-4	0.82	4	29.77	-0.85	113	2558		4577	
	Meyersdale	67	23	43	+1	0.85	3		-1.18	101	2138		4064	
	Pittsburgh_Intl	66	28	45	0	0.82	3	26.63	+2.07	93	3117	+249	5219	
	Waynesburg	67	24	44	-1	0.58	3	24.36	-1.36	101	2758	+126	4810	
South Central	Biglerville	71	28	47	+3	0.66	2	29.29	+1.20	72	3194	+396	5300	
	Everett	70	21	43	-1	0.59	3	22.89	-2.35	90	2380	-147	4386	
	Hanover	70	27	47	-2	0.70	3	29.66	+5.52	84	3023	-246	5125	
	Harrisburg_AP	70	28	48	+2	0.77	2	27.83	+1.75	80	3375	+50	5521	
	South_Mountain	67	26	45	-3	0.44	1	29.10	-2.32	85	2471	-594	4485	
	York_AP	71	26	46	-2	0.94	2	26.39	-1.03	83	3145	-70	5251	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	70	28	47	-3	0.46	2	26.88	-3.50	69	3200		5284	
	Green_Lane	69	29	47	+1	0.46	2	28.08	-0.44	74	3184	+340	5273	
	Hamburg	68	29	46	+1	0.42	2	32.66		81	3056		5137	
	Lancaster_AP	70		47	0	0.66	2	29.42	+0.98		3202		5315	
	Neshaminy_Falls	71	27	48	+1	0.49	1	28.91	-3.66		3326		5430	
	New_Holland	73			+4	0.66	2	33.25		81	3401		5539	
	Philadelphia_AP	72			+2	0.53	2				4082		6265	
	Philadelphia_NE	73		51	+5	0.41	2		-5.28	78	3967		6135	
	Reading_AP	71	29	48	+2	0.41	3		-0.60		3540		5679	
	Sellersville	70			-2	0.38	2	30.92	-1.11	75	2932		4978	
		10		47	-2	0.58	3	50.72	1.11	87			-770	

November 9, 2014 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

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 the week Monday with 48 degrees and daytime 57 and nice for this time of year. Tuesday was 45 degrees and daytime ended up at 66 degrees with some sun and some clouds. Wednesday was 58 morning temperature and cloudy and warmed to 62 degrees during day. Thursday 1/2 inch of rain and 50 degrees morning and rainy most of day. Friday was windy and high 40's daytime and sun and clouds. Heavy frost on Saturday and Sunday was high 40's. Over all for this time of year still pretty decent weather and temperatures. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested in the county and still a good amount yet to be harvested. Some stalks were affected from high winds a few days last week. Corn is finally drying down some with the help of the wind. Small grains and forage crops seeded earlier this fall are looking nice and some producers are still seeding some wheat after their corn/soybeans are harvested. Hay making is about complete for the year but a few acres may be made yet. Apple harvest is winding down with majority of producers finishing up. A good crop is being reported for the majority of the county. Vegetables are about done being harvested unless in a high tunnel with some temperature protection. Overall the producers are taking advantage to harvesting their crops when the conditions permit. Producers are reminded to report their small grains planted this fall and any hay they will harvest in 2015 crop year to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices before the November 17, 2014 deadline to avoid any late-file fees.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Freeze this week has finished the growing season. Most of the apples are now finished, with a good year for quality and price. Corn and soybean harvest is progressing since they have dried sufficiently in the field to reduce drying cost. We had a rash of barn fires in the western part of Franklin county with three large barns in 48 hours with 20+ animals, considerable hay and equipment being lost.

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER County, Luke Fritz

Soybeans and corn are being harvested. Some producers applying lime and manure.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Corn Harvest continues. Some light showers and the first snow flurries.

CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO County, Tom Tanner

Harvesting soybeans, corn silage and shelled corn. Some fall spraying and liming of fields.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Heavy frost on Saturday ending the growing season. Main activities for the week were harvesting corn, chopping corn stalks, and machinery maintenance.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

A fair amount of corn and soybean are still standing in the fields. Winter grains and cover crops developing nicely. Most areas of the county have not had a killing frost yet.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

The early planted corn and soybeans harvest is just about finished. Double cropped soybeans and corn are close to being ready to harvest. Manure pits are still being emptied for the winter. Cover crops continue to be planted. Some rain showers came through the county but did not delay the work.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Excellent week for field corn harvesting. Amish are finishing up with hand picking of field corn. Soybean harvesting will return as excellent weather is forecasted for first few days of this week. Fall farm chores are being completed before the jet stream changes the weather later this week.

PERRY County, David . Swartz

Along with shelled corn and soybean harvests, farmers harvested a 6th cutting of alfalfa during the past week. The dry conditions of the early part of the week allowed for corn stover to be harvested, usually in round bales

POTTER County, Nicole L. Santangelo

Cool weather, slowing grain dry-down.

UNION County, James C. Brubaker

This has been the best yield of both corn and beans that we have ever had. It has been a very nice harvest season.

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