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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6 days suitable for field work last week. The calculated average temperature for the state last week was 72(°F), with a high of 96(°F) and a low of 41(°F). Corn crop continues to show signs of record harvest with fields at heights between 12-14 feet. Dry weather allowed for fieldwork to be completed, field activities included harvesting grains and making dry hay.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 26, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	10	80	10
SUBSOIL	0	8	86	6

Crop Conditions as of July 26, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	2	1	39	58
CORN	0	4	17	42	37
HAY, ALFALFA	0	11	28	43	18
HAY, OTHER	7	12	19	52	10
OATS	2	4	19	58	17
PASTURE AND RANGE	4	5	34	33	24
PEACHES	1	0	3	37	59
POTATOES	0	1	65	32	2
SOYBEANS	0	6	18	57	19
TOBACCO	1	5	22	53	19
WINTER WHEAT	1	6	27	51	15

Crop Progress as of July 26, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: HARVESTED	98	94	95	97
CORN: SILKING	76	54	62	71
CORN: DOUGH	20	<5	<5	7
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT (IN.):	91	80	68	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: 2 nd CUTTING	82	60	75	90
HAY, ALFALFA: 3 rd CUTTING	43	25	31	38
HAY, ALFALFA: 4 th CUTTING	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: 1 st CUTTING	90	81	93	97
HAY, OTHER: 2 nd CUTTING	52	31	47	56
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	98	94	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	63	18	64	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	46	9	22	N/A
OATS: HEADED	95	85	98	98
OATS: COLORING	81	63	88	88
OATS: MATURE	59	19	32	57
OATS: HARVESTED	18	8	15	31
PEACHES: FRUIT SET	97	88	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: HARVESTED	25	16	15	35
POTATOES: HARVESTED	8	<5	<5	<5
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	98	91	96	98
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED	92	64	90	94

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July 26, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	88	49	69	-1	0.97	3	21.68	+4.17	71	1404	+208	2441
	Erie	88	58	73	+1	0.10	1	14.26	+0.51	52	1561	+162	2587
	Franklin_AG	90	52	70	-2	0.03	1	20.61	+3.96	63	1519	+205	2573
	Meadville-Port	87	54	71	+2	0.13	1	18.38	+3.23	51	1561	+357	2624
	Springboro	87	52	69	-3	0.01	1	18.62	+3.90	65	1278	+25	2281
	Titusville	88	48	69	0	1.08	1	18.96	+2.60	47	1278	+170	2297
	Warren	88	50	69	-2	0.45	2	17.18	+0.98	65	1352	+105	2379
North Central	Bradford_Region	84	43	66	-2	0.34	2	17.41	+0.90	64	1225	+270	2218
	Coudersport_1SW	87	45	65	-2	1.44	2	19.25	+3.24	64	1148	+127	2116
	Kane	86	49	68	+4	0.23	2	18.31	+1.78	65	1200	+368	2171
	Laporte	83	51	68	-2	0.39	2	20.49	+6.15	67	1208	+129	2196
	Lock_Haven	92	54	73	+1	0.22	1	17.92	+2.58	51	1676	+265	2749
	Oswayo	86	41	64	-4	0.23	1	17.27	+2.09	63	1138	+165	2117
	Renovo	90	53	71	-2	0.31	2	18.40	+3.81	59	1583	+175	2649
	Ridgway	87	48	68	+1	1.91	2	24.29	+7.67	63	1307	+296	2322
	Stevenson_Dam	88	50	69	-3	1.22	1	22.42	+6.86	56	1377	+131	2406
	Towanda	90	52	70	-2	0.06	3	16.86	+3.94	57	1461	+182	2493
	Wellsboro	85	48	67	-1	0.29	2	18.73	+5.44	61	1176	+198	2172
	Williamsport_AP	92	54	73	+1	0.02	1	18.96	+3.73	57	1848	+371	2932
Northeast	Hawley	91	49	69	0	0.04	1	14.56	-0.50	48	1283	+187	2298
	Milanville	91	48	70	+2	0.01	1	14.84	-0.22	56	1356	+260	2366
	Susquehanna	89	51	69	-1	0.94	3	16.62	+1.45	59	1330	+149	2351
	Wilkes-Barre	93	54	74	+2	0.16	2	14.05	-0.09	49	1821	+372	2899
	West Central	Butler	88	51	70	0	0.24	2	20.89	+5.15	62	1535	+293
New_Castle_Ag		91	54	73	+2	0.45	1	24.35	+9.71	62	1698	+311	2783
Slippery_Rock		90	53	72	+3	0.64	3	20.58	+4.77	65	1635	+511	2705
Central		Altoona_AP	88	52	71	-2	0.00	0	17.45	+3.36	57	1688	+244
	Du_Bois	87	51	70	+1	1.17	2	18.05	+2.24	63	1657	+451	2726
	Elizabethville	96	54	74	+2	0.59	1	16.93	+1.74	45	1796	+332	2889
	Lewistown	91	56	73	0	0.05	1	18.08	+2.53	57	1784	+275	2879
	Middletown	93	63	78	+2	0.00	0	14.65	+0.04	45	2134	+361	3252
	Prince_Gallitzi	90	50	72	+3	0.25	2	17.99	+4.10	61	1555	+298	2612
	Selinsgrove_2S	92	56	73	-1	0.52	2	17.24	+2.05	53	1696	+232	2771
	State_College_P	88	57	71	0	0.77	3	18.80	+4.60	64	1629	+241	2704
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	93	56	74	+1	0.03	1	14.05	-1.47	45	1928	+409	3023
	Lehighton	87	55	71	-1	0.11	1	18.72	+1.41	51	1568	+270	2636
	Mt_Pocono	87	48	69	+3	0.00	0	17.89	+0.90	51	1362	+420	2394
	Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	87	59	74	+3	0.07	2	20.75	+6.42	63	1893	+527
Chalk_Hill		88	55	71	+3	0.28	3	19.92	+0.20	67	1609	+392	2702
Connellsville_A		89	55	73	+1	0.20	3	20.49	+4.20	69	1804	+328	2911
Indiana_3SE		86	51	70	-2	0.17	2	23.00	+5.58	68	1507	+132	2580
Meyersdale		86	50	68	-2	0.17	3	16.77	+0.90	63	1322	+180	2352
Pittsburgh_Intl		88	55	73	+1	0.29	3	18.03	+3.74	53	1916	+389	3024
Waynesburg		87	54	72	+1	0.08	2	18.04	+3.61	63	1678	+280	2764
South Central	Biglerville	93	60	76	+3	0.03	1	20.57	+5.40	44	1930	+438	3039
	Everett	88	51	70	-2	0.00	0	17.00	+2.85	58	1446	+103	2499
	Hanover	92	56	75	-2	0.00	0	17.67	+4.73	49	1882	+127	2989
	Harrisburg_AP	93	59	76	0	0.00	0	18.37	+3.76	42	2054	+281	3164
	South_Mountain	89	52	72	-3	0.05	1	18.75	+1.80	51	1542	-98	2609
	York_AP	91	56	74	-2	0.05	1	18.31	+3.02	43	1898	+179	2994
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	93	59	75	-2	0.25	1	12.32	-3.92	39	1883	+52	2980
	Green_Lane	92	58	75	+2	0.00	0	12.55	-2.45	37	1857	+344	2956
	Hamburg	92	58	74	-1	0.13	1	18.57	+1.63	47	1809	+223	2898
	Lancaster_AP	91	58	75	-1	0.00	0	13.92	-1.37	43	1899	+255	3000
	Neshaminy_Falls	92	58	75	-2	0.50	1	13.82	-3.58	41	1969	+291	3079
	New_Holland	91	59	75	+3	0.02	1	16.08	-0.53	47	2032	+550	3155
	Philadelphia_AP	95	67	81	+3	0.03	1	15.93	+1.57	39	2360	+438	3501
	Philadelphia_NE	95	64	80	+5	0.11	1	12.65	-4.75	40	2284	+606	3418
	Reading_AP	94	58	76	+1	0.19	1	11.24	-4.79	40	2032	+358	3138
	Sellersville	91	55	73	-2	0.00	0	14.89	-2.31	37	1717	+158	2797
	West_Chester	94	55	74	-1	0.00	0	15.97	-0.51	45	1895	+215	2981

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, Lee Showalter

Peach harvest will pick up speed this week as major varieties will start to be harvested.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Good weather allowed hay harvest to get caught up. Corn, beans and pastures still looking great. Peach harvest is well under way and looks like quality will be excellent now.

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Good week to make hay and harvest small grains.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Activities include making hay, spraying, combining oats, barley, and wheat.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Great week for making hay and catching up on field work. Less than 1/8 inch of rainfall. Crops look good.

INDIANA County, J Scott Overdorff

Well, we had no rain for a week. Finished up Saturday 26 July 2015 making hay, first cut. The soy beans look rather well from all the rain we had in June and the first part of July. But the corn is another story. Not so well. If the field did not drain well then the corn got drowned and looks short, pale green-yellowish. But there are fields that look real dark green and tall. The oats is looking good and should be ready to cut in maybe 2 weeks. Looks like this week will be dry enough for everyone to make more hay if they are not quit done yet. Hope everyone has a safe farming week.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Wheat harvest is near completion with yields being above normal. Oats harvest is beginning. Second and third cutting of hay is in progress. Potato leafhopper damage is severe in a few locations. Main activities for the week were harvesting grains and making dry hay.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Corn starting to curl with moisture stress on shallower soils. Fortunately most of the county received a timely rain Sunday evening. A few farmers will start cutting tobacco this week. Overall tobacco crop looks good but with some loss due to disease.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

Cool and clear weather this week. Rain was limited to a shower or two. Alfalfa and hay mowing and baling continued. Corn is looking good all over the county. Soybeans are setting pods.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Finally last week was the week to make hay. Most farmers completed their first cutting cycle and are rushing to start second cutting. Hay quality has been a problem all summer due to the rainfall and other weather conditions. Soybean fields are looking much better the last two weeks. Many corn fields are yellow and stunted due to wet fields which kept farmers from side dressing the needed nitrogen.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

We had a much needed period of dry weather last week to finish most of the 1st cutting grass hay and wheat/rye harvest. Oats are grassy causing concern for harvesting. Soybeans are in R3 stage, setting pods, corn silks are browning on the earlier plantings. Crops look great on the better drained soils, wet areas are stunted and yellow. Rain Sunday night helped refresh the soil moisture, some crops were wilting in the heat of the day Sunday.

PERRY County, David L. Swartz

A series of dry, low humidity days allowed 3rd cutting alfalfa to be cut and harvested. Corn crop continues to show signs of record harvest (tonnage) with fields at heights between 12-14 feet. First string of 90+ degree days and no rainfall finally slowed cool season pasture grass production, but pastures are still producing more than normal for this deep into the summer.

YORK County, Jon Rowehl

A week without rain and with high temperatures has caused some moisture stress in some areas. In addition to low spots, some corn showing signs of "running out of gas" from late spring/early summer nitrogen loss. Leaf damage in soybeans from insect pests from some fields suggest increased need to scout fields as pod development is underway.