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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. The calculated average temperature for the state last week was 75(°F), with a high of 97(°F) and a low of 48(°F). Most of the state reported little to no rain for the week. The first cutting of hay and winter wheat harvest are almost complete. Fruit crops continue to mature with plums, apricots, peaches and some early apples being harvested. Main activities for the week were harvesting, haymaking, and spraying.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 2, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	31	60	5
SUBSOIL	1	23	72	4

Crop Conditions as of August 2, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	2	39	58
BARLEY	1	4	31	48	16
CORN	0	6	17	39	38
HAY, ALFALFA	0	6	20	59	15
HAY, OTHER	8	9	17	55	11
OATS	2	4	21	56	17
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	10	32	38	15
PEACHES	1	1	2	37	59
POTATOES	0	1	63	33	3
SOYBEANS	1	6	17	56	20
TOBACCO	2	5	19	51	23
WINTER WHEAT	1	7	26	50	16

Crop Progress as of August 2, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	5	<5	12	17
CORN: SILKING	86	76	79	85
CORN: DOUGH	39	20	<5	18
CORN: DENTED	5	<5	0	<5
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	92	91	75	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	89	82	84	92
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	61	43	41	52
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	15	5	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	96	90	96	N/A
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	64	52	60	69
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	81	63	80	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	72	46	46	N/A
OATS: COLORING	94	81	95	N/A
OATS: MATURE	79	59	55	79
OATS: HARVESTED	46	18	30	53
PEACHES: HARVESTED	26	25	19	44
POTATOES: HARVESTED	18	8	<5	6
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED	95	92	96	96

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August 2, 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	55	72	+3	0.11	1	21.79	+3.30	72	1558	+224	2665
	Erie	89	62	75	+3	0.58	1	14.84	+0.34	53	1736	+180	2832
	Franklin_AG	92	57	74	+4	0.78	3	21.39	+3.73	66	1690	+229	2814
	Meadville-Port	90	59	75	+5	0.24	4	18.62	+2.55	55	1735	+391	2868
	Springboro	89	55	71	+2	0.00	0	18.62	+3.20	65	1428	+35	2501
	Titusville	90	53	71	+3	0.24	1	19.15	+1.88	47	1427	+190	2516
	Warren	90	50	72	+2	0.19	1	17.37	+0.29	66	1505	+117	2602
North Central	Bradford_Region	86	50	69	+3	0.24	1	17.65	+0.30	65	1361	+290	2424
	Coudersport_1SW	87	48	68	+2	2.42	3	21.67	+4.82	67	1282	+142	2320
	Kane	88	49	69	+5	0.21	3	18.52	+1.08	68	1336	+399	2377
	Laporte	85	56	71	+3	0.54	4	21.00	+5.96	71	1356	+144	2414
	Lock_Haven	93	58	76	+5	0.30	2	18.22	+1.99	53	1860	+295	3003
	Oswayo	86	51	69	+3	0.70	4	17.97	+1.95	67	1273	+181	2322
	Renovo	91	57	73	+2	0.16	2	18.56	+3.27	61	1748	+186	2884
	Ridgway	89	50	70	+4	0.09	2	24.38	+6.83	65	1452	+319	2537
	Stevenson_Dam	88	55	71	+1	0.33	3	22.75	+6.33	59	1528	+135	2627
	Towanda	89	55	73	+3	2.02	2	18.88	+5.30	59	1626	+200	2728
	Wellsboro	86	53	70	+4	0.60	2	19.33	+5.34	63	1318	+221	2384
	Williamsport_AP	91	57	77	+5	0.50	2	19.46	+3.43	59	2036	+398	3190
Northeast	Hawley	89	52	72	+3	1.05	2	15.61	-0.22	50	1436	+207	2521
	Milanville	89	56	73	+5	0.91	3	15.15	-0.68	59	1521	+292	2601
	Susquehanna	89	54	73	+4	0.53	2	17.15	+1.14	61	1491	+176	2582
	Wilkes-Barre	92	58	77	+5	0.56	3	14.61	-0.27	52	2009	+404	3157
West Central	Butler	89	55	73	+3	0.14	2	21.03	+4.34	64	1695	+313	2817
	New_Castle_Ag	95	58	76	+5	0.22	2	22.77	+7.28	64	1882	+341	3037
	Slippery_Rock	97	58	76	+8	0.15	1	20.73	+4.01	66	1820	+565	2960
Central	Altoona_AP	87	58	74	+3	0.38	2	17.83	+3.01	59	1857	+259	3006
	Du_Bois	90	56	74	+5	0.15	2	18.20	+1.56	65	1825	+484	2964
	Elizabethville	94	56	78	+6	0.91	2	17.84	+1.88	47	1991	+366	3154
	Lewistown	91	58	76	+3	0.23	2	18.17	+1.81	59	1965	+295	3130
	Middletown	91	63	79	+4	0.49	2	15.14	-0.17	47	2339	+384	3527
	Prince_Gallitzi	88	54	74	+4	0.44	4	18.43	+3.70	65	1723	+326	2850
	Selinsgrove_2S	91	59	76	+4	0.12	1	17.36	+1.40	54	1880	+255	3025
	State_College_P	87	60	74	+4	0.64	3	19.44	+4.50	67	1799	+259	2944
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	93	59	77	+4	1.74	2	15.79	-0.71	47	2120	+438	3285
	Lehighton	88	58	74	+3	0.93	1	19.65	+1.36	52	1735	+289	2873
	Mt_Pocono	87	54	72	+5	1.61	2	19.50	+1.67	53	1514	+453	2616
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	91	60	77	+7	0.01	1	20.76	+5.61	64	2085	+572	3262
	Chalk_Hill	88	57	74	+6	0.41	5	20.33	-0.52	72	1780	+430	2943
	Connellsville_A	92	57	76	+5	0.51	2	21.00	+3.71	71	1987	+357	3164
	Indiana_3SE	91	55	73	+3	0.02	1	23.02	+4.60	69	1668	+146	2811
	Meyersdale	86	52	70	+2	0.54	2	17.31	+0.57	65	1465	+190	2565
	Pittsburgh_Intl	92	64	78	+6	0.00	0	18.03	+2.92	53	2113	+425	3291
	Waynesburg	91	56	74	+4	0.10	1	18.14	+2.80	64	1851	+304	3007
South Central	Biglerville	89	59	76	+3	0.63	1	21.20	+5.28	45	2115	+461	3294
	Everett	88	54	72	+2	0.05	1	17.05	+2.13	59	1603	+113	2726
	Hanover	89	58	76	+1	0.86	1	18.53	+4.99	50	2066	+134	3243
	Harrisburg_AP	91	61	78	+3	0.50	2	18.87	+3.56	44	2255	+300	3435
	South_Mountain	87	56	73	0	0.59	3	19.34	+1.59	54	1705	-96	2842
York_AP	89	57	76	+1	1.61	2	19.92	+3.86	45	2078	+184	3244	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	92	62	78	+2	0.40	2	12.72	-4.57	41	2079	+60	3246
	Green_Lane	91	61	77	+5	0.45	3	13.00	-2.97	40	2049	+373	3218
	Hamburg	91	61	77	+3	1.66	2	20.23	+2.40	49	1998	+244	3157
	Lancaster_AP	90	58	76	+2	1.11	2	15.03	-1.13	45	2082	+263	3253
	Neshaminy_Falls	92	61	78	+4	0.73	2	14.55	-4.03	43	2169	+315	3349
	New_Holland	91	64	78	+6	0.59	2	16.67	-0.89	49	2229	+586	3422
	Philadelphia_AP	93	69	82	+4	0.98	2	16.91	+1.59	41	2585	+467	3796
	Philadelphia_NE	95	67	82	+7	0.19	2	12.84	-5.74	42	2505	+651	3709
	Reading_AP	92	60	78	+4	2.18	2	13.42	-3.45	42	2228	+379	3404
	Sellersville	91	59	76	+3	0.54	2	15.43	-2.90	39	1903	+176	3053
	West_Chester	92	53	76	+2	0.43	2	16.40	-1.01	47	2081	+226	3237

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 Behney

Adams County had a day of rain last week but most areas are pretty good soil moisture at this time. A big change in last two weeks from earlier rains in June and early July. Producers are finishing up double-cropping soybeans and some corn looks ok and others looks terrible and all different stages within the same field. Depends how the soil drains as to how it looks. Most is in tassel and ears developing. Soybeans planted earlier are looking pretty good. Double cropped soybeans planted need some moisture but we also had a lot of soybeans that were prevented from planting. Hay continues to be made but some first crop is older than producers would like but due to weather conditions making it when they can. Wheat harvest finally completed but most was not a good year with the rains in June affecting the quality of the wheat. Fruit crops continue to mature. Plums, apricots, peaches and some early apples are being harvested. Vegetables are in full swing and being harvested and available to all. Overall the crops are doing ok but not going to have great yields and some crops will have quality issues and some will not be known until harvested.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Harvest of major varieties of peaches started in volume this past week. There has been a concentration of maturities, so volumes have come in rapidly. The quality, size and color, has been very good with flavor that is improving with the dryer weather conditions experienced over the past couple of weeks. Some growers have received local downpours, but in general moisture is just adequate. Apples are continuing to size well. Pre-harvest testing of brix and starch levels will commence this week. The fruit crop timing appears to be a couple of days ahead of last year. There have been spot shortages of labor reported.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Hot dry week. Saw a field of early short season corn harvested for silage on Friday. Peach harvest looks excellent and apples appear to be good as well. Pastures now showing some effects of the hot dry weather.

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Small grain harvest is winding down, 1st cut hay nearing completion, 2nd and 3rd cut progressing. Crops and pastures need some rain.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Activities included harvesting hay, grain crops, and spraying.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Few showers for the week, some time for fieldwork during dry periods. Since wind is blowing over the oats stubbles, fall is soon to arrive. 1.2 inches of rainfall in my gauge for the week.

COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MONTOUR Counties, C. John Esslinger

Early potato yield has been outstanding. Sweet corn yields have also been excellent.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Need Rain.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

All crops are looking good for the time being. However, with any prolonged heat and drying conditions, they could be suffering. Wheat and Oats harvest is near completion as well as the second and third cuttings of hay. Main activities for the week were harvesting, haymaking, and spraying.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Dry summer weather has come to many areas of Lancaster County. Corn is showing drought stress on the shallower soils and over knobs in other fields. Soybean pods are filing out nicely and corn is approaching dough stage. A few timely rains in the next 2-3 weeks will determine if we have excellent yields or not.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Excellent week for harvesting hay - finally. Sweet corn producers are reporting lower yields and smaller ears due to the earlier wet weather. Many corn fields are very yellow that had no side dressing of nitrogen a month ago. Blackberry growers reporting no crop or low yields.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Dry weather for second week in a row. Good weather for catching up on hay making and small grain harvest. Hot and dry. Could use a shower.

YORK County, Jon Rowehl

Rain from a thunderstorm on Thursday brought needed rain of varying amounts following a week of the highest temperatures of the season.