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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – August 07th, 2017:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 92° (F), a low of 44° (F) and a state average temperature of 62° (F). A fair week for field activities with some heavy rains reported over select parts of Pennsylvania. Around the South Mountain Fair Grounds in Arendtsville had some hail on Wednesday, no fruit damage has been reported at this time. Peach and apple harvest are on schedule for this time of the year. Peaches are of good quality and size, better than average yields. Apples continue to mature with reports that apples are about two weeks earlier than normal for the season. A large majority of crops reached maturity and ready for harvesting. For the most part, fruit and vegetables are doing okay, sweet corn reported as outstanding yields and quality. Producers are very busy harvesting crops and other field activities. Main activities for the week included cutting alfalfa, harvesting oats, haymaking, baling straw and spraying.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 6, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	5	85	6
SUBSOIL	1	5	85	9

Crop Conditions as of August 6, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	2	63	35
BARLEY	0	0	22	70	8
CORN	0	1	7	41	51
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	8	56	36
HAY, OTHER	0	0	12	58	30
OATS	2	2	12	78	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	5	22	62	11
PEACHES	0	0	1	48	51
SOYBEANS	0	0	5	54	41
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	11	72	17

Crop Progress as of August 6, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	17	12	24	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	96	94	N/A	N/A
CORN: SILKING	82	71	90	90
CORN: MILK	53	22	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	14	<5	34	31
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	97	85	84	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	92	84	95	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	50	41	58	N/A
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	68	55	78	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	15	6	N/A	N/A
OATS: COLORING	95	93	92	N/A
OATS: MATURE	75	48	81	84
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	44	10	54	60
PEACHES: HARVESTED	50	38	63	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	83	74	64	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	93	88	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	87	81	N/A	N/A

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August 6, 2017 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	85	52	69	0	1.01	2	23.64	+4.69	69	1655	+226	2832
	Erie	87	55	72	0	0.48	2	18.12	+3.25	57	1736	+70	2909
	Franklin_AG	85	52	70	-1	0.67	4	26.02	+7.89	60	1757	+191	2941
	Meadville-Port	85	54	71	+1	1.24	3	18.29	+1.75	61	1688	+245	2854
	Springboro	84	52	68	-2	2.18	3	18.38	+2.64	67	1492	-1	2646
	Titusville	86	49	69	+1	0.95	4	22.45	+4.77	55	1575	+248	2749
Warren	86	51	70	0	0.80	4	22.10	+4.61	68	1599	+111	2769	
North Central	Bradford_Region	82	44	66	0	0.60	2	22.55	+4.84	69	1323	+172	2453
	Coudersport_1SW	84	45	67	+1	0.67	4	19.29	+2.04	75	1271	+51	2399
	Kane	82	44	65	0	1.16	3	22.72	+4.86	63	1243	+233	2371
	Laporte	81	50	67	-1	2.78	3	27.74	+12.40	57	1355	+53	2494
	Lock_Haven	88	52	72	0	1.14	3	22.48	+5.82	64	1928	+253	3147
	Oswayo	84	52	68	+1	1.21	5	16.75	+0.33	61	1203	+26	2322
	Renovo	87	52	70	-1	1.27	3	21.73	+6.16	69	1768	+100	2977
	Ridgway	84	47	69	+2	2.01	3	24.28	+6.30	62	1520	+302	2687
	Stevenson_Dam	85	48	69	-2	0.23	1	14.72	-2.08	39	1475	-23	2652
	Towanda	87	50	72	+2	1.46	3	18.45	+4.62	62	1766	+238	2960
	Wellsboro	83	47	67	0	1.88	5	19.61	+5.31	67	1352	+170	2495
	Williamsport_AP	90	54	74	+1	4.02	2	25.11	+8.75	64	2062	+311	3295
Northeast	Hawley	85	48	68	-1	0.46	3	18.59	+2.44	61	1516	+195	2696
	Milanville	86	51	71	+2	0.24	4	15.85	-0.30	57	1589	+268	2776
	Pleasant_Mount	81	47	66	+1	0.79	3	25.57	+6.55	62	1282	+251	2405
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	87	54	73	+1	1.34	2	17.52	+2.34	57	1961	+246	3174
West Central	Butler	84	52	69	-1	2.05	3	20.94	+3.82	68	1667	+185	2861
	New_Castle_Ag	92	55	71	0	1.07	2	20.23	+4.35	60	2012	+365	3231
	Slippery_Rock	85	51	68	0	1.55	4	22.49	+5.36	58	1620	+275	2799
Central	Altoona_AP	84	55	70	-2	0.71	3	17.79	+2.69	60	1928	+221	3148
	Du_Bois	84	48	69	0	0.45	1	18.85	+1.85	66	1555	+119	2730
	Elizabethville	86	50	70	-2	1.15	2	20.57	+4.28	57	1848	+113	3059
	Lewistown	88	53	72	-1	0.32	2	17.88	+1.22	63	2025	+240	3258
	Middletown	88	61	76	0	2.29	2	20.55	+4.96	51	2334	+252	3585
	Prince_Gallitzi	86	50	69	-1	0.61	3	20.79	+5.68	75	1632	+135	2791
	Selinsgrove_2S	87	53	72	0	0.79	1	22.38	+6.09	58	1930	+195	3146
	State_College_P	85	56	71	0	0.42	1	18.91	+3.69	60	1865	+220	3083
	East Central	Allentown-Bethl	90	55	75	+2	3.12	3	23.51	+6.55	52	2123	+326
Lehighton		85	52	70	-1	1.23	4	21.76	+2.99	64	1756	+205	2974
Mt_Pocono		81	48	67	0	2.10	2	19.51	+1.36	56	1297	+151	2441
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	84	57	72	+1	0.52	2	28.63	+13.13	66	2056	+438	3280
	Connellsville_A	88	52	72	0	0.19	3	27.23	+9.51	71	2028	+288	3245
	Grays_Landing	86	48	70	-3	0.39	2	26.52	+9.50	68	1928	-14	3146
	Indiana_3SE	86	52	70	-1	0.29	2	28.94	+10.13	70	1722	+95	2921
	Meyersdale	83	47	67	-2	0.63	3	23.45	+6.33	68	1462	+93	2625
	Pittsburgh_Intl	84	57	72	-1	0.45	2	19.25	+3.79	61	2045	+244	3265
South Central	Waynesburg	84	53	70	-1	0.73	2	26.72	+10.95	65	1886	+234	3094
	Biglerville	89	60	74	+1	1.72	3	17.87	+1.69	47	2212	+443	3443
	Everett	86	47	70	-1	1.34	2	22.65	+7.39	56	1741	+146	2942
	Hanover	87	56	72	-3	1.72	2	19.42	+5.67	59	2149	+94	3379
	Harrisburg_AP	90	57	76	0	2.34	2	16.82	+1.23	50	2373	+291	3623
	South_Mountain	81	55	69	-4	1.42	3	23.37	+5.31	60	1807	-107	3003
Southeast	York_AP	88	55	73	-1	1.66	3	15.06	-1.26	52	2161	+148	3390
	Doylestown_AG	91	55	76	0	1.05	3	18.32	+0.59	62	2494	+347	3754
	Hamburg	89	55	74	0	1.23	2	25.78	+7.60	58	2029	+156	3261
	Lancaster_AP	89	57	75	0	1.91	3	14.96	-1.53	47	2269	+328	3508
	Neshaminy_Falls	90	54	75	0	3.07	4	21.77	+2.49	46	2091	+87	3335
	New_Holland	90	57	74	+1	1.40	2	16.49	-1.57	47	2245	+467	3493
	Philadelphia_AP	91	63	78	0	2.21	2	19.40	+3.67	48	2510	+256	3770
	Philadelphia_NE	93	59	77	+2	1.68	3	18.08	-1.04	44	2430	+451	3687
	Pottstown	88	55	73	0	2.82	2	19.95	+3.56	53	1989	+198	3221
	Reading_AP	89	57	75	0	1.63	3	20.30	+3.12	59	2220	+248	3457
West Chester	Sellersville	89	54	74	0	0.85	2	19.27	+0.47	55	2001	+156	3230
	West_Chester	91	63	78	+3	1.86	4	19.42	+1.67	55	2383	+408	3611

Summary based on NWS preliminary data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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. Most days started in 60's but got to 88 and humid. This morning started 70 degrees. Sporadic thunderstorms around the county produced some rain around the county. Some areas got significant and others not as much. Sometimes within 1 mile the rain could have gone from 2 inches to a couple of tenths or none at all. Arendtsville around the South Mountain Fair grounds had some hail on Wednesday around lunchtime. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Each day as you pass corn fields you can see more tassels in the corn fields and soybeans are getting some height and starting to bloom. Rains are coming at the right time to make grain on corn and soybean plants. Hay continues to be made when weather permits. Oats is being harvested. Some land is getting ready to have cover crops planted on for next year's crop benefits. Peaches continue to be harvested with nice yields and taste being reported. Apples continue to mature. Extension is saying apples are about 2 weeks earlier than normal for the season. Fruit growers are kept busy with their spray schedules for insects and diseases. Vegetables are plentiful and doing well. Available at farmers markets throughout the county or fruit markets around the county. Sweet corn is also being harvested. Overall the producers are still busy with their crops and readying their equipment for harvest this fall. The rains were welcomed in the county for the benefit of all crops.

ADAMS/FANLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Showers again slowed hay making, but conditions are excellent for a bumper crop of corn, soybeans and hay. Apples are excellent but yield is less than normal for most. Peaches are good quality and size. Better than average crop yields.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Crops are looking good! Showers have happened timely/ total rainfall for the week in my gauge was .75 inches.

COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum

1" OF RAIN THIS WEEK- GREAT FOR CORN AND SOYBEAN

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Another week of heavy rain; however, some areas received damaging hail that stripped the leaves on the corn as well as the leaves and pods on the soybeans. On the better drained soils, the corn and soybeans are looking great. The activities for the week were haymaking, harvesting, spraying and preparing for fall seeding

MERCER County, James P. Rust

Over the weekend we received 0.4 inches of rainfall and areas south had 2-3 inches of rainfall. Still very dry for the crops.

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