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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – October 08<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

Pennsylvania had an excellent week for field activities with an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 86° (F), a low of 32° (F) and a state average temperature of 54° (F). Dry and warm conditions continued during the week. The dry conditions have accelerated maturing crops and hay production. According to reporters apple harvest continues with better yields than expected. A good quality dry hay was made during the week. Producers are still busy in their fields with harvesting and land preparation. Field activities for the week involved harvesting apples and soybeans, corn silage cutting and the planting of winter grain which is near completion.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 8, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	20	36	44	0
SUBSOIL	9	36	55	0

### Crop Conditions as of October 8, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN	0	1	15	48	36
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	22	33	42	2
SOYBEANS	0	1	8	52	39

## Crop Progress as of October 8, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	80	77	82	81
BARLEY: PLANTED	82	51	75	74
BARLEY: EMERGED	49	18	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	95	94	96	94
CORN: DENTED	92	87	95	98
CORN: MATURE	76	65	83	85
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	24	13	30	30
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	50	37	47	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	95	94	N/A	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	76	71	85	85
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	86	83	N/A	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	95	93	95	98
SOYBEANS: COLORING	80	68	87	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	13	N/A	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	33	21	59	58

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## October 9, 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	81	35	61	+8	0.55	4	27.53	-0.70	87	2537	+333	4341
	Erie	82	43	65	+8	0.79	4	24.44	+0.22	75	2810	+163	4612
	Franklin_AG	81	38	62	+8	0.75	3	30.59	+3.99	78	2717	+281	4530
	Meadville-Port	82	44	66	+12	0.35	3	20.84	-4.45	76	2693	+436	4489
	Springboro	81	43	64	+10	0.48	3	22.73	-1.16	90	2366	+77	4149
	Titusville	80	32	59	+7	0.37	3	28.01	+1.35	74	2443	+406	4244
	Warren	80	36	61	+7	0.86	3	30.10	+3.91	88	2518	+189	4317
North Central	Bradford_Region	78	30	59	+9	1.26	3	27.97	+1.92	91	2037	+288	3779
	Coudersport_1SW	80	28	57	+6	0.94	4	24.50	-0.90	98	1976	+137	3724
	Kane	78	28	56	+7	0.78	4	28.03	+1.41	81	1879	+369	3622
	Laporte	77	34	58	+7	0.36	2	31.37	+8.46	77	2047	+49	3806
	Lock_Haven	84	38	62	+7	0.46	3	28.30	+3.72	89	2938	+353	4787
	Oswayo	80	20	58	+8	0.72	3	20.90	-3.58	75	1857	+63	3588
	Renovo	82	37	61	+6	0.19	3	26.88	+3.93	92	2731	+174	4569
	Ridgway	80	32	59	+8	0.54	4	29.18	+3.23	81	2335	+453	4129
	Stevenson_Dam	81	33	59	+5	0.41	3	20.13	-4.79	64	2314	-29	4114
	Towanda	82	35	59	+5	0.25	3	21.58	+1.21	84	2691	+338	4512
	Wellsboro	79	31	57	+6	0.29	3	23.71	+3.12	88	2055	+245	3816
	Williamsport_AP	84	41	63	+8	0.29	1	28.38	+4.46	85	3196	+505	5059
Northeast	Hawley	77	34	59	+7	0.56	1	23.69	+0.07	85	2277	+247	4077
	Milanville	84	33	61	+9	0.58	2	20.71	-2.91	78	2490	+460	4303
	Pleasant_Mount	76	33	57	+9	0.60	1	30.76	+2.75	82	2037	+496	3776
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	81	39	63	+8	0.26	1	22.02	-0.38	75	3003	+381	4842
West Central	Butler	81	33	61	+8	0.51	4	25.56	+0.50	89	2538	+244	4359
	New_Castle_Ag	82	32	63	+7	0.66	4	23.38	+0.21	85	2982	+404	4827
	Slippery_Rock	81	32	61	+8	0.51	4	25.29	+0.27	76	2504	+408	4309
Central	Altoona_AP	84	37	64	+8	0.20	2	22.23	+1.05	81	2852	+226	4701
	Du_Bois	78	36	61	+8	0.44	4	22.63	-2.37	87	2416	+217	4217
	Elizabethville	81	34	62	+7	0.65	2	27.99	+3.67	76	2781	+116	4618
	Lewistown	84	38	63	+7	0.23	2	23.67	+0.07	87	3093	+340	4956
	Middletown	84	45	66	+8	0.10	2	25.56	+2.85	68	3588	+377	5469
	Prince_Gallitzi	83	30	61	+8	0.47	2	25.00	+2.37	98	2495	+206	4277
	Selinsgrove_2S	82	38	62	+7	0.30	3	25.46	+1.14	81	2923	+258	4767
	State_College_P	81	38	63	+9	0.42	2	23.34	+0.92	82	2836	+324	4681
	East Central	Allentown-Bethl	82	39	65	+9	0.18	2	32.82	+7.07	74	3291	+535
Lehighton		77	37	60	+6	0.32	2	29.19	+1.08	90	2681	+294	4527
Mt_Pocono		77	34	59	+9	0.83	1	25.33	-2.10	79	2054	+305	3818
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	82	42	65	+10	1.04	2	34.98	+12.97	87	3136	+623	4990
	Connellsville_A	83	38	64	+8	0.50	2	32.43	+7.31	89	3123	+429	4970
	Grays_Landing	84	39	62	+4	0.60	2	31.75	+7.51	80	2947	-72	4795
	Indiana_3SE	80	35	62	+6	0.46	2	35.19	+8.02	89	2651	+123	4479
	Meyersdale	83	30	57	+4	0.15	2	27.77	+3.18	88	2216	+94	4002
	Pittsburgh_Intl	82	39	64	+8	0.82	2	22.81	+0.85	76	3142	+356	4992
	Waynesburg	83	35	61	+6	0.54	2	31.69	+8.94	84	2850	+283	4687
South Central	Biglerville	86	41	65	+10	0.07	1	21.66	-2.83	61	3347	+614	5208
	Everett	83	32	59	+4	0.10	2	25.73	+3.94	75	2642	+174	4471
	Hanover	84	38	63	+5	0.00	0	23.96	+3.03	80	3201	+44	5060
	Harrisburg_AP	84	42	66	+8	0.11	2	21.64	-1.07	71	3617	+406	5497
	South_Mountain	79	39	62	+4	0.13	1	27.42	+0.09	77	2707	-243	4533
	York_AP	82	36	62	+4	0.08	1	19.60	-4.42	69	3209	+105	5068
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	84	44	66	+7	0.00	0	23.49	-3.32	73	3694	+372	5584
	Hamburg	80	43	63	+7	0.59	2	37.11	+10.38	80	3139	+274	5001
	Lancaster_AP	84	43	64	+7	0.06	2	22.13	-2.59	68	3433	+420	5302
	Neshaminy_Falls	84	42	66	+8	0.17	1	26.58	-2.28	58	3323	+238	5197
	New_Holland	83	45	69	+13	0.10	2	26.08	-0.80	66	3477	+748	5355
	Philadelphia_AP	84	51	68	+7	0.00	0	27.10	+3.69	62	3922	+383	5812
	Philadelphia_NE	86	48	68	+10	0.12	1	23.11	-5.75	60	3843	+758	5730
	Pottstown	81	39	63	+7	0.02	2	25.59	+0.69	70	3078	+317	4940
	Reading_AP	82	42	64	+7	0.28	2	28.87	+3.46	81	3390	+343	5257
	Sellersville	83	40	63	+6	0.17	2	26.00	-1.96	72	3095	+228	4954
West_Chester	84	51	68	+11	0.08	2	25.78	-0.64	79	3795	+751	5653	

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 started the week with temperatures low 40's with some sun but Frost on the grass and daytime into mid 70's. Tuesday was 46 degrees and sunny blue skies and 78 degrees. Wednesday 41 degrees and foggy 78 degrees. Thursday was 60 morning and high 70's and some humidity. Friday High 70's and sunny with more humidity. Saturday was sunny and in the mid 80's with humidity. Sunday was some rain showers and 60's but lots of humidity and into the 70's. Sunday night into Monday heavier rains came with most of county getting at least 1.5 inches some areas received 2.25 inches around York Springs. We were very dry till we got this rain yesterday. Corn and soybeans continue to mature and also be harvested for grain. Corn is also being chopped for silage in the county too. Nice yields are being reported for both throughout the county. Hay continued to be baled since it was a dry week. Some field preparations were done after corn and soybeans were harvested. Apples continue to be harvested with good yields being reported. Depending on location of your orchards depends whether you had damage from hail storms to change your markets from Fresh to Processing. Some orchards are having issues with not having enough workers to harvest so as some are getting done they will share workers to get their harvest complete. Producers welcomed the beneficial rain yesterday which slowed harvest some but will benefit the soil moisture level and make conditions more suitable. Still awaiting fall temperatures. Upper Adams area is welcoming visitors to the National Apple Harvest Festival this weekend Oct 14-15 as last weekend on Saturday around 28,000 folks came out to enjoy the festival.

### **ADAMS/FRANLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr**

Very dry conditions. Corn silage harvest is done. Dry shelled Ron now underway with excellent yields. Soybeans are yielding high, but test weight is light. Apple harvest is better than expected.

### **CENTRE County, Dick A. Dicker**

Dry conditions continued during the week, allowing some soybean harvest and continued corn silage cutting. Some rain overnight resulted in 3/8 inch in the gauge

### **COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum**

REMAINS DRY

### **DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bosak**

Over ten days of dry weather has accelerated maturing crops and hay production. Silage chopping and hay making have been in full swing. Isolated soybean fields have been harvested. Double-crop soybeans have not started leaf drop yet. Many double crop fields are very green. Most grass weeds are in full flower and setting seed including large crabgrass and the foxtails. Marestalk (horseweed) is currently setting seed.

### **JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer**

On Sunday, we had one quarter inch of rain. More is needed and more is being forecast for Monday. Corn and soybean harvest is beginning and the planting of winter grain is near completion. Some quality dry hay was being made this week.

### **LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson**

Early frost over parts of the County has sped up the drying process in corn. Many farmers are working at harvesting silage corn, with grain corn harvest likely to begin in the next week or two.

### **LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill**

Timely rains are falling as I write this report. An inch or more is forecast, which will be perfect to get fall cover crops, forages and small grains up and growing. Yields have been very good in general, with some lodging in areas which experienced strong weather events in late august. Quality of both corn and soybean are excellent despite the presence of some foliar and stalk disease. As corn and soy are harvested winter wheat has begun to be planted.

### **UNION County, James C. Brubaker**

Finished with soybeans and an excellent crop. Planting cover crop

### **YORK County, John Rowehl**

Needed rain came but will hold back soybean harvest that would otherwise commence in full force this week. Getting mixed bag of reports on corn yields though mostly average or above. Larger part of wheat planting will go in after soybeans are off. Double crop soybeans looking good and turning yellow.