



Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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Week Ending November 15, 2009

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Excellent Week for Field Work: The favorable harvest conditions continued. Pennsylvania had a total of 6 days suitable for field work. Primary field activities were: corn and soybean harvesting, as well as planting wheat and cover crops. Fall plowing continues, and is 75% completed, behind last year's estimate, and the average of 86%.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 15, 2009

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0	3	86	11

Crop Progress: Sixty percent of the corn is harvested, behind both last year's 81% and the average of 84%. Barley is 97% emerged, behind last year's 100% and the average of 99%. Wheat planting is 90% completed. This is behind last year's 99% and the average of 98%. Wheat is 81% emerged, behind last year's 91%, and the average of 87%. Soybeans are 70% harvested, which is behind last year's 80%, and the average of 79%.

Crop Condition: State-wide wheat condition is 2% poor, 20% fair, 77% good, and 1% excellent. Pasture conditions are at 17% very poor, 7% poor, 21% fair, 43% good and 12% excellent.

Nationwide as of November 8, 2009: Mild, dry weather returned to much of the country during the week, promoting fieldwork and providing ideal growing conditions for small grain crops. Average temperatures climbed to as many as 10 degrees above normal in South Dakota and Kansas. In contrast, below average temperatures dominated much of the Southeast and Atlantic Coast. Precipitation totaled 5 percent of normal or less across the majority of the Nation during the week. Conversely, areas along the

Pacific Coast in Oregon and Washington, as well as isolated locations in the Great Plains and along the Atlantic Coast received rainfall totaling 150 percent of normal or more. **Corn:** Crop maturity advanced to 97 percent complete by week's end, 3 points behind both last year and the 5-year average. Producers harvested 12 percent of the Nation's crop during the week, leaving progress, at 37 percent, 32 points behind last year and 45 points, or nearly 3 weeks, behind normal. Double-digit harvest progress was made across much of the major corn producing regions as drier weather and above average temperatures provided nearly a week of days suitable for fieldwork. Overall, 68 percent of the corn crop was reported in good to excellent condition, up slightly from ratings last week. **Soybeans:** Harvest advanced to 75 percent complete by November 8, sixteen points behind last year and 17 points, or 18 days, behind the 5-year average. Producers in the 6 largest soybean-producing States, representing over 53 percent of this year's acreage, harvested 18 percent or more of their crop during the week. **Winter Wheat:** Producers had seeded 86 percent of the winter wheat crop, 6 points behind last year and 7 points behind the 5-year average. Progress was most active in Illinois where producers rapidly seeded their crop on soybean acreage harvested during the week. Emergence was complete on 71 percent of the 2010 acreage, 10 points behind last year and 11 points behind the average. Aided by the return of warmer temperatures, emergence was most rapid Indiana and Michigan during the week. Overall, 63 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down slightly from ratings last week and 5 points below last year.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 15, 2009

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 15, 2009					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest												
Erie	66	28	49	5	0.00	0	25.89	-2.49	98	2,638	-9	4,657
Franklin	69	25	48	6	0.00	0	30.05	0.28	112	2,411	2	4,378
Meadville	70	27	48	7	0.00	0	26.46	-3.87	102	2,355	151	4,311
Mercer	70	29	49	8	0.00	0	28.72	0.37	106	2,410	26	4,387
Springboro	69	23	47	4	0.00	0	27.20	-0.13	104	2,133	-454	4,052
Warren	70	26	47	7	0.00	0	30.13	-0.13	99	2,241	-82	4,177
North Central												
Bradford Region	67	24	46	10	0.00	0	30.17	0.25	115	1,642	-13	3,473
Oswayo	71	19	43	5	0.00	0	29.14	0.54	111	1,705	-131	3,514
Kane	68	22	44	7	0.00	0	33.74	3.06	107	1,618	4	3,421
Laporte	62	31	45	4	0.02	2	36.52	8.80	117	1,884	-493	3,763
Lock Haven	68	30	47	6	0.02	1	32.19	5.04	94	2,641	110	4,658
Port Allegany	70	21	44	7	0.00	0	27.39	-1.21	103	1,863	27	3,725
Renovo	68	30	48	6	0.02	1	26.19	-0.96	99	2,512	-19	4,526
Ridgway	69	23	45	6	0.00	0	27.84	-1.59	98	1,905	20	3,751
Stevenson Dam	70	29	48	9	0.00	0	25.01	-4.42	92	2,389	504	4,374
Towanda	67	26	45	4	0.00	0	28.42	5.26	95	2,362	-36	4,315
Wellsboro	67	26	44	6	0.00	0	28.88	5.69	102	1,756	-24	3,585
Williamsport	70	35	52	10	0.00	0	29.72	2.38	90	3,042	250	5,172
Northeast												
Hawley	72	28	47	7	0.19	2	34.09	7.82	97	2,105	64	4,016
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	68	37	51	9	0.02	1	27.74	2.40	95	2,693	46	4,742
Susquehanna	67	31	47	9	0.02	1	29.23	0.84	103	2,194	271	4,127
West Central												
Butler	71	27	48	6	0.00	0	26.46	-1.30	108	2,366	-137	4,353
New Castle	76	25	50	9	0.00	0	24.26	-1.33	96	2,762	256	4,790
Slippery Rock	75	30	51	11	0.03	1	27.82	0.41	105	2,532	290	4,542
Central												
Altoona/Blair	70	37	51	8	0.00	0	25.39	0.66	101	2,597	-68	4,627
DuBois	68	32	51	11	0.00	0	30.15	2.20	109	2,304	27	4,258
Lewistown	71	32	50	6	0.02	1	32.12	5.65	94	2,809	-121	4,876
Middletown	68	36	54	9	0.16	3	35.22	8.81	101	3,414	85	5,574
Prince Gallitzi	69	33	48	8	0.00	0	25.62	-5.85	100	2,089	-40	3,995
Selinsgrove	66	31	50	7	0.04	2	33.15	5.57	86	2,698	-22	4,737
State College	70	36	49	8	0.00	0	27.01	1.99	98	2,660	49	4,690
East Central												
Allentown-Bethel	68	34	52	9	0.03	1	32.90	4.28	93	2,965	-72	5,065
Lehighton	64	34	50	7	0.20	3	41.21	12.57	107	2,507	-419	4,561
Matamoras	69	32	50	9	0.19	2	29.87	0.92	87	2,357	-256	4,345
Mt_Pocono	66	38	50	13	0.19	2	35.38	4.04	114	2,175	430	4,118
Southwest												
Pittsburgh/Alle	71	35	53	11	0.00	0	21.88	-4.09	108	3,063	371	5,163
Indiana_PA	70	33	49	7	0.00	0	16.92	-13.35	84	2,534	-74	4,527
Myersdale	72	31	48	6	0.02	1	28.37	-1.03	104	1,941	-557	3,812
Mount Pleasant	71	31	50	9	0.00	0	29.66	-1.06	103	2,667	409	4,696
Pittsburgh Intl	71	34	52	9	0.00	0	21.72	-2.37	95	3,062	242	5,155
Connellsville	73	37	53	9	0.00	0	31.78	3.36	109	2,997	117	5,095
Waynesburg	73	34	50	8	0.00	0	25.70	-0.57	104	2,617	20	4,664
South Central												
Biglerville	72	43	53	7	0.09	2	34.52	9.33	99	3,107	-148	5,218
Everett	75	32	51	9	0.00	0	27.30	2.95	92	2,542	-116	4,501
Hanover	71	35	51	6	0.53	4	33.68	8.49	99	3,125	-130	5,233
Harrisburg_AP	69	39	54	9	0.17	3	32.84	6.43	99	3,366	27	5,519
South Mountain	68	39	50	7	0.28	4	35.40	10.67	105	2,421	-232	4,433
York	71	34	52	7	0.40	4	30.93	4.28	97	3,139	-115	5,249
Southeast												
Green Lane	69	37	52	8	0.20	3	38.75	10.97	105	3,061	169	5,174
Hamburg	69	38	53	11	0.01	1	41.59	9.34	104	2,988	381	5,101
West_Chester	72	35	52	6	0.63	4	39.43	9.27	98	3,065	-177	5,150
Lancaster	68	39	53	9	0.06	4	31.53	3.62	100	3,196	130	5,321
Neshaminy Falls	70	35	53	9	0.70	4	39.51	7.82	97	3,158	134	5,278
New Holland	69	41	52	9	0.27	4	35.50	7.59	100	3,178	112	5,297
Philadelphia	70	43	55	8	0.50	4	36.81	10.01	102	3,888	314	6,100
Philadelphia NE	71	39	54	7	0.47	4	33.81	7.01	102	3,486	-88	5,659
Reading	71	38	54	10	0.06	2	33.35	3.66	103	3,341	341	5,487
Sellersville	70	35	51	7	0.27	2	38.94	11.16	99	2,816	-76	4,892
Willow Grove	70	40	54	9	0.44	5	57.76	26.07	104	3,321	297	5,471

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).
 Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.
 Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.
 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 A Behney (FSA) - Adams County had an ok week of weather conditions. Some fieldwork was done. There was not much sun. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested. Producers are finding better field conditions in no-till planted fields. Most farmers are reporting decent corn and soybean yields. Some corn silage also continues. Wheat growers are still trying to seed additional wheat, since the corn and soybean harvests have been slow. The wheat and barley seeded earlier is now mostly emerged, except what's still laying in water. Triticale is also being seeded. The apple harvest is now complete. Producers are taking advantage of our current weather conditions. The forecasters are predicting more rainfall from the Nor'easter. So far we haven't had much rainfall.

ADAMS COUNTY, Lee Showalter - The apple harvest is complete.

BRADFORD COUNTY, Kelly Sundy (FSA) - The moisture is adequate and fields are accessible for harvest.

CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker - It was a great week for field work. There were only a few light showers.

CLARION COUNTY, Thomas Tanner (FSA) - Harvesting of soybeans is in full swing. Corn for grain is starting to be harvested. Moisture is being reported at 24 to 30 percent and test weight. Because of weather conditions, most winter wheat planting was just completed.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, John O. Yocum - Corn grain moisture still remains higher than normal.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, Ron McCorkle (NRCS) - It was an excellent week for field work and finishing up projects on the farm. Most grazers are supplementing feed, due to lack of pasture.

ERIE COUNTY, Nancy Lewis (FSA) - Wheat is not being planted due to crops that are still not harvested. Corn is being reported with very high moisture levels and low test weight.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr - Finally, some field work got done this week! Soybean harvesting, corn picking, and wheat planting were accomplished. Apple harvest is completed with most producers pleased with the results.

MERCER COUNTY, James P. Rust - Field corn continues to drop in moisture, thanks to the nice sunny days. Winter wheat has also benefited from the warm weather, with some much needed growth for the October planted wheat. The Amish chopped corn stalks at the barns, and blew the fodder into their barns for bedding.

SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer - It was another good week. Soybean harvest continues; however, the corn harvest is slow due to the high moisture content. The fall seeded crops look good. A few farmers have made some late hay. The main activities for the week were harvesting and seeding.

PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 15, 2009

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	75	86	86
Corn, harvested	60	81	84
Barley, emerged	97	100	99
Wheat, planted	90	99	98
Wheat, emerged	81	91	87
Soybeans, harvested	70	80	79

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 15, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	2	20	77	1
Pasture	17	7	21	43	12

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