



Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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Week Ending November 22, 2009

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Good Week for Field Work: The favorable harvest conditions still remain. Pennsylvania had a total of 5 days suitable for field work. Primary field activities were: corn and soybean harvesting, sowing wheat and cover crops, as well as, spreading fall fertilizer and some manure hauling. Fall plowing continues, and is 83% completed, behind last year's estimate of 89%, and the average of 90%.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 22, 2009

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
6	8	67	19

Crop Progress: Seventy-one percent of the corn is harvested, behind both last year's 84% and the average of 89%. Wheat planting is 93% completed. This is behind last year's estimate of 100% and the average of 99%. Wheat is 83% emerged, behind last year's 99%, and the average of 92%. Soybeans are 85% harvested, which is ahead of last year's 84%, and behind the average of 86%.

Crop Condition: State-wide wheat condition is 3% poor, 20% fair, 73% good, and 4% excellent. Pasture conditions are at 21% very poor, 16% poor, 27% fair, 29% good and 7% excellent.

Nationwide as of November 15, 2009: The remnants of Tropical Storm Ida dumped precipitation totaling upwards of 400 percent of normal across much of the Southeast during the week, limiting fieldwork and worsening unharvested crop conditions. Elsewhere, mostly dry weather in the Great Plains and Corn Belt promoted small grain growth and summer crop harvest. With the exception of the Pacific Northwest,

areas of the Great Basin, and southern Florida, temperatures were above average for most of the country during the past week. **Corn:** A second consecutive week of above average temperatures and mostly dry weather in the major corn-producing regions of the country allowed harvest to progress rapidly during the week. Despite the active harvest pace, progress only reached 54 percent complete, 23 points behind last year and 35 points, or over 3 weeks, behind the 5-year average. Producers in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Ohio utilized over 5 days suitable for fieldwork to harvest 20 percent or more of their crop. As harvest surpassed the halfway point during the week, 67 percent of the corn crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down slightly from last week. **Soybeans:** Producers harvested 14 percent of the Nation's soybean crop during the week, leaving progress, at 89 percent, 6 points behind last year and 7 points, or 12 days, behind the 5-year average. Harvest was active throughout most of the majoring growing regions, but progress remained behind the average pace in all estimating States except North Carolina and Ohio. **Winter Wheat:** Winter wheat seeding advanced to 90 percent complete by week's end, 6 points behind last year and 5 points behind the 5-year average. Seeding was most active in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri where producers seeded 12 percent or more of their crop during the week. Emergence reached 77 percent complete by November 15, nine points behind last year and 10 points behind the 5-year average. The most significant delays were evident in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. Overall, 64 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent, up slightly from ratings last week but 2 points below last year.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 22, 2009

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 22, 2009						
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F	
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total	
Northwest													
Erie	60	38	48	7	0.45	3	26.34	-3.02	101	2,644	-3	4,717	
Franklin	62	39	47	9	0.66	4	30.71	0.03	116	2,412	3	4,432	
Meadville	62	39	47	9	0.60	2	27.06	-4.25	104	2,356	152	4,363	
Mercer	63	40	48	9	0.55	2	29.27	0.01	108	2,412	28	4,442	
Springboro	60	40	48	7	0.46	3	27.66	-0.58	107	2,136	-451	4,107	
Warren	58	33	46	8	1.08	3	31.21	-0.01	102	2,241	-82	4,220	
North Central													
Bradford Region	57	31	42	8	0.76	2	30.93	0.10	117	1,642	-13	3,491	
Oswayo	62	24	44	8	0.61	2	29.75	0.29	113	1,705	-131	3,540	
Kane	58	28	43	8	0.96	4	34.70	3.08	111	1,618	4	3,443	
Laporte	64	35	44	6	0.94	1	37.46	8.90	118	1,885	-492	3,793	
Lock Haven	68	29	47	8	0.53	1	32.72	4.75	95	2,645	114	4,707	
Port Allegany	59	28	44	9	0.86	2	28.25	-1.21	105	1,863	27	3,753	
Renovo	65	28	46	8	0.56	2	26.75	-1.22	101	2,515	-16	4,571	
Ridgway	59	31	44	7	0.70	2	28.54	-1.73	100	1,905	20	3,783	
Stevenson Dam	60	29	46	10	0.83	2	25.84	-4.43	94	2,390	505	4,418	
Towanda	68	27	45	7	1.13	1	29.55	5.65	96	2,367	-31	4,352	
Wellsboro	65	32	43	8	0.53	1	29.41	5.59	103	1,756	-24	3,610	
Williamsport	69	33	51	11	0.97	1	30.69	2.45	91	3,059	267	5,250	
Northeast													
Hawley	65	19	42	5	0.98	1	35.07	7.96	98	2,108	67	4,042	
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	60	32	47	8	0.62	1	28.36	2.29	96	2,697	50	4,795	
Susquehanna	65	26	44	9	1.16	1	30.39	1.09	104	2,197	274	4,159	
West Central													
Butler	65	38	48	8	0.66	2	27.12	-1.41	110	2,369	-134	4,410	
New Castle	70	40	50	11	0.50	2	24.76	-1.60	98	2,772	266	4,863	
Slippery Rock	70	40	50	12	0.42	2	28.24	0.00	107	2,543	301	4,615	
Central													
Altoona/Blair	68	34	47	7	0.58	1	25.97	0.48	102	2,602	-63	4,675	
DuBois	60	38	45	8	0.83	2	30.98	2.25	111	2,304	27	4,294	
Lewistown	71	36	49	8	0.43	1	32.55	5.29	95	2,818	-112	4,938	
Middletown	71	34	50	7	0.59	2	35.81	8.56	103	3,426	97	5,646	
Prince Gallitzi	65	27	44	6	0.95	1	26.57	-5.88	101	2,089	-40	4,028	
Selinsgrove	68	31	47	7	1.09	2	34.24	5.82	88	2,705	-15	4,789	
State College	67	37	47	8	0.57	1	27.58	1.79	99	2,665	54	4,741	
East Central													
Allentown-Bethel	68	31	49	8	0.65	1	33.55	3.96	94	2,976	-63	5,127	
Lehighton	64	32	48	6	1.18	2	42.31	12.76	109	2,518	-409	4,621	
Matamoras	67	27	45	6	1.43	1	31.30	1.37	88	2,362	-251	4,382	
Mt_Pocono	62	34	46	11	1.55	1	36.93	4.53	115	2,177	432	4,160	
Southwest													
Pittsburgh/Alle	66	43	51	12	0.35	1	22.23	-4.51	109	3,076	384	5,243	
Indiana_PA	65	37	47	7	0.69	2	17.61	-13.57	86	2,537	-71	4,576	
Myersdale	65	32	45	6	0.50	3	28.87	-1.37	107	1,941	-557	3,848	
Mount Pleasant	66	42	51	13	0.43	2	30.09	-1.50	105	2,681	423	4,775	
Pittsburgh Intl	66	43	51	11	0.42	2	22.14	-2.65	97	3,073	253	5,234	
Connellsville	71	39	51	9	0.41	2	32.19	2.93	111	3,014	132	5,172	
Waynesburg	68	36	50	10	0.38	2	26.08	-0.96	106	2,621	24	4,730	
South Central													
Biglerville	70	36	50	6	0.50	2	35.02	9.06	101	3,116	-140	5,287	
Everett	73	26	47	7	0.80	2	28.10	3.05	94	2,553	-105	4,554	
Hanover	72	29	48	5	0.41	2	34.09	8.13	101	3,132	-124	5,290	
Harrisburg_AP	72	33	50	7	0.43	2	33.27	6.02	101	3,379	40	5,590	
South Mountain	67	30	46	6	0.59	2	35.99	10.50	107	2,426	-227	4,479	
York	71	29	48	5	0.47	2	31.40	3.91	99	3,148	-106	5,306	
Southeast													
Green Lane	69	35	50	8	0.69	1	39.44	10.75	106	3,073	181	5,243	
Hamburg	69	33	49	9	0.58	1	42.17	8.87	105	3,000	393	5,165	
West_Chester	72	30	49	5	0.47	1	39.90	8.76	99	3,077	-171	5,216	
Lancaster	71	34	50	8	0.61	1	32.14	3.39	101	3,209	143	5,393	
Neshaminy Falls	70	31	48	6	0.71	2	40.22	7.55	99	3,167	143	5,335	
New Holland	71	36	51	9	0.83	1	36.33	7.58	101	3,193	127	5,376	
Philadelphia	70	40	54	9	0.93	1	37.74	10.12	103	3,917	336	6,197	
Philadelphia NE	70	36	52	8	0.66	1	34.47	6.85	103	3,509	-72	5,747	
Reading	71	34	51	10	0.96	1	34.31	3.68	104	3,360	360	5,566	
Sellersville	69	30	48	6	0.58	1	39.52	10.83	100	2,826	-66	4,949	
Willow Grove	69	37	51	10	0.59	1	58.35	25.68	105	3,339	315	5,552	

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) - We had a pretty decent week of weather. We received 1 inch of rainfall Thursday into Friday which prevented fieldwork for a day or so. There was heavy frost a couple of days. Daytime temperatures were in the 50's and some nighttime temperatures were down in lower 30's. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested where field conditions are fit. Moisture is still up in both crops with good yields being reported. Wheat continues to be sown and a lot was planted since beginning of November. The earlier wheat seeded is emerged but some crop is under water from rainfall. Barley is looking good. Some haylage is still being made but will soon be done. Some manure hauling has taken place also. Overall, producers are busy with harvesting corn and soybeans before weather affects the actual crop and not being able to get them or to have the stalks go down with a bigger problem with getting harvest completed.

CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker - Good week for field work, a few showers early in the week. Soybean harvest appears complete and corn is winding down.

CLARION COUNTY, Tom Tanner (FSA) - Corn yields are being reported any where from 50 bushels/acre to 200 bushels. Most of the corn test weight is between 50 and 57 pounds. Soybean yields reported from 35 to 48 bushels/acre.

CRAWFORD COUNTY, Ron McCorkle (NRCS) - It was a good weekend for harvesting. Moisture levels are still high but field conditions are as good as they get for this time of year.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr - A dry week allowed for continued soybean and corn harvest. The quality of beans has been relatively good. The corn quality reflects poor field drying conditions. The week

was spent in harvesting, sowing cover crop, mowing weeds, spreading fall fertilizer and preparing equipment for winter storage.

LANCASTER COUNTY, Chris Burkhart - Although wet weather continues to delay fall harvest, farmers took advantage of a fairly dry end to last week and are starting to finish harvesting their corn and soybeans. Most wheat has been planted. Some farmers are skipping wheat planting altogether because of such a late harvest.

LANCASTER COUNTY, Jeff Graybill - There are still a lot of farmers out planting rye after corn grain. It will be interesting to see how much growth occurs before freeze-up.

MERCER COUNTY, James P. Rust - Field corn continues to drop in moisture and harvesting moves along as the grain dryers try to keep up with the combines. The open weather has permitted area farmers to complete many fall related tasks before deer season.

SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer - The harvesting of corn is progressing at a very slow pace. The moisture content of the grain is high and unfortunately, the test weight is low. However, the heavy rains on Thursday did not help the situation. Soybean harvest is nearly complete. So far the winter grains are doing well with very little sign of winter annuals.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, Willie Keeney - The weather has been cool. The fields are still quite wet, making any remaining harvesting difficult.

PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 22, 2009

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	83	89	90
Corn, harvested	71	84	89
Wheat, planted	93	100	99
Wheat, emerged	83	99	92
Soybeans, harvested	85	84	86

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 22, 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	3	20	73	4
Pasture	21	16	27	29	7

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