



Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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SEASON FINALE

This is the final series of the 2011 Pennsylvania Crop & Weather Roundup. We would like to thank all of the individuals who supplied information to make this release possible. The Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup will resume the first week of April 2012.

If you have any suggestions for information to add or delete from this report, please let us know. You can mail, fax or email suggestions using the information at the top of this release.

Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 3 days suitable for field work. Farmers throughout the state spent the week doing various fall activities as the field conditions permitted. However rain caused certain parts of the state to delay finishing field activities for a while longer. Primary field activities for the week were harvesting of corn and soybeans, chopping stalks, and plowing fields. Fall plowing is 84% complete, behind the 90% this time last year, and behind the 5-year average of 90%.

Nationwide as of November 20, 2011: Well-below-normal temperatures negatively impacted the exposed winter wheat crop in parts of the northern Rocky Mountains, while near- to above-normal temperatures across the rest of the country provided producers time to harvest their remaining crops and promoted small grain growth. Portions of the northern Rocky Mountains and many areas east of the Mississippi River received weekly precipitation totaling more than 200 percent of normal. Elsewhere, fieldwork in the South proceeded without delay under relatively dry weather.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending Nov 27, 2011

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0	0	61	39

Corn: By November 20, corn producers had harvested 96 percent of this year's crop, 3 percentage points behind last year but 8 points ahead of the 5-year average. Despite rapid progress during the week, harvest in Ohio was 19 percentage points behind normal.

Crop Progress: The year's corn crop is 88% harvested, behind the 96% at this time last year but ahead of the 5-year average of 88%. Barley is 96% emerged, behind the 99% at this time last year and the 5-year average of 99%. Winter wheat planting is 95% complete, compared to the 99% at this time last year and the 5-year average of 99%. Winter wheat is 87% emerged, compared to the 97% at this time last year and the average of 95%. The soybean harvest is 89% complete, compared to the 97% last year and the average of 89%.

Winter Wheat: By week's end, 87 percent of the winter wheat crop was emerged, 4 percentage points behind last year and slightly behind the 5-year average. Recently seeded wheat fields in portions of the High Plains in Texas were in need of additional moisture to aid germination. Overall, 50 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, unchanged from last week but 3 percentage points above the same time last year.

Crop Condition: State-wide winter wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 1% poor, 24% fair, 55% good, and 20% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 6% very poor, 19% poor, 30% fair, 44% good and 1% excellent.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 27, 2011

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 27, 2011					
	Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest												
Erie	62	31	47	8	1.41	2	38.22	8.17	113	3,204	557	5,318
Franklin_AG	62	30	44	6	1.14	1	39.74	8.41	132	3,008	599	5,063
Meadville-Port	61	29	46	10	0.92	1	37.15	5.14	126	3,085	881	5,170
Mercer	60	32	44	8	1.12	4	38.33	8.42	148	2,969	585	5,053
Springboro	61	27	43	5	1.38	2	42.75	13.86	130	2,674	87	4,705
Warren	62	28	42	6	0.77	1	36.20	4.32	120	2,779	456	4,793
North Central												
Bradford Region	59	25	43	11	1.08	2	37.90	6.42	137	2,337	682	4,265
Oswayo	61	20	38	5	1.00	2	36.95	6.89	123	2,278	442	4,165
Kane	60	24	39	6	1.23	1	42.36	10.05	118	2,208	594	4,076
Laporte	55	27	41	5	1.34	2	66.57	37.46	129	2,414	37	4,339
Lock Haven	64	28	43	6	1.76	3	41.30	12.78	107	3,190	659	5,260
Port Allegany	61	25	42	9	1.33	3	36.70	6.64	131	2,452	616	4,398
Renovo	65	31	44	7	1.16	2	40.68	12.16	126	3,132	601	5,202
Ridgway	60	28	42	7	1.27	2	37.54	6.67	131	2,485	600	4,452
Stevenson Dam	65	30	42	8	1.25	1	41.02	10.15	105	2,983	1,098	5,016
Towanda	64	28	43	6	1.22	2	50.14	25.74	107	2,823	425	4,876
Wellsboro	61	27	41	7	1.16	2	40.68	16.41	119	2,384	604	4,300
Williamsport	62	29	45	7	1.99	4	53.48	24.64	110	3,459	667	5,596
Northeast												
Hawley	62	26	42	6	1.99	2	54.77	27.06	106	2,537	496	4,539
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	61	29	45	8	1.20	2	45.68	19.11	108	3,183	536	5,304
Susquehanna	62	27	41	8	1.34	1	50.91	20.96	109	2,671	748	4,697
West Central												
Butler	60	31	45	7	1.51	4	36.63	7.55	128	3,028	525	5,127
New Castle	62	29	45	8	1.25	4	38.38	11.48	121	3,395	889	5,531
Slippery Rock	62	30	45	9	1.31	2	39.99	11.20	126	3,110	868	5,224
Central												
Altoona/Blair	63	34	48	10	2.14	3	38.20	12.21	105	3,400	735	5,543
DuBois	59	31	44	9	1.28	4	39.14	9.81	125	2,845	568	4,894
Lewistown	66	32	47	8	1.69	4	46.52	18.71	110	3,465	535	5,630
Middletown	63	31	48	7	2.69	4	58.94	31.09	102	3,855	526	6,076
Prince Gallitzi	59	31	45	9	1.69	4	38.94	5.83	110	2,802	673	4,817
Selinsgrove	65	29	44	6	2.27	4	54.98	25.96	113	3,210	490	5,305
State College	62	34	46	9	2.08	3	40.79	14.45	108	3,220	609	5,303
East Central												
Allentown-Bethel	64	31	49	9	3.07	4	54.18	23.93	102	3,653	614	5,846
Lehighton	64	30	43	4	2.60	4	48.01	17.85	110	3,065	138	5,159
Matamoras	67	27	43	6	1.86	2	58.31	27.71	109	2,754	141	4,818
Mt_Pocono	63	30	46	13	2.32	4	59.70	26.55	119	2,700	955	4,742
Southwest												
Pittsburgh/Alle	59	32	47	9	1.72	4	31.47	4.18	122	3,618	926	5,805
Indiana_PA	59	30	46	7	2.03	4	42.18	10.37	142	3,155	547	5,271
Myersdale	58	30	45	7	2.43	3	36.75	5.91	118	2,405	-93	4,375
Chalk_Hill	58	28	44	4	2.64	3	51.22	21.38	128	2,484	-398	4,472
Pittsburgh Intl	60	32	47	9	1.14	4	28.27	2.98	113	3,564	744	5,732
Connellsville	61	31	47	7	2.28	3	41.94	12.10	140	3,422	540	5,586
Waynesburg	61	28	45	6	1.74	3	49.05	21.46	115	3,154	557	5,287
South Central												
Biglerville	65	33	48	7	2.80	4	44.91	18.40	93	3,662	406	5,864
Everett	65	29	46	8	1.98	3	40.33	14.78	104	3,028	370	5,130
Hanover	65	29	48	7	3.45	4	43.41	16.90	106	3,605	349	5,778
Harrisburg_AP	64	31	49	9	2.58	4	57.69	29.84	95	3,878	539	6,109
South Mountain	61	32	48	10	2.75	3	42.48	16.49	105	2,968	315	5,058
York	63	28	49	8	2.88	4	47.35	19.28	105	3,641	387	5,837
Southeast												
Green Lane	64	33	48	9	3.32	4	47.79	18.47	101	3,636	744	5,842
Hamburg	61	31	46	9	2.48	4	50.00	16.00	109	3,522	915	5,681
West_Chester	64	28	48	6	3.00	4	48.78	16.96	89	3,650	402	5,842
Lancaster	61	31	48	9	2.65	4	44.48	15.14	106	3,754	688	5,965
Neshaminy Falls	68	29	48	8	2.77	3	53.46	20.10	86	3,822	798	6,040
New Holland	64	33	49	10	2.32	4	45.22	15.88	101	3,725	659	5,932
Philadelphia	65	36	53	10	2.50	4	49.03	20.81	84	4,480	899	6,791
Philadelphia NE	67	33	51	8	2.54	4	49.52	21.30	92	4,155	574	6,429
Reading	65	33	49	9	2.93	4	43.54	12.26	105	3,982	982	6,220
Sellersville	66	29	46	6	3.39	4	48.79	19.47	97	3,362	470	5,507
Doylestown_AG	66	33	49	9	2.68	4	53.35	19.99	103	3,820	796	6,047

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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Below is the list of crop weather reporters who volunteered their time to submit valuable input for our 2011 Pennsylvania Crop Weather Report. We want to express our appreciation to all of the reporters who reported their local crop conditions and progress. We also want to give special recognition to our more consistent reporters.

We apologize for any names that might be omitted.

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PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 27, 2011

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	84	90	90
Corn, harvested	88	96	88
Barley, emerged	96	99	99
Wheat, planted	95	99	99
Wheat, emerged	87	97	95
Soybeans, harvested	89	97	89

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 27, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	1	24	55	20
Pasture	6	19	30	44	1

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