

Crop Progress & Condition



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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 3 days suitable for field work. Spring field work continues to be delayed due to wet fields in some parts of the state. Some counties have only just begun to plow the fields. Wheat, barley, and other small grains planted last fall look decent according to some producers. Fields are starting to green and fruit trees are budding. Although hay and pastures have begun turning green, it is still too early to tell how 2014 crops will turn out. Fruit crops are progressing. Peach buds have begun swelling and cherry buds, Apricots, and Plums are also swollen in Adams County. Apples have only started to show buds with green tips. Overall, fruit crops will be delayed this year due to cooler temperatures lingering from the winter season. Temperatures ranged from the low 20's to the high 70's in Pennsylvania. Winter wheat and hay conditions are fairly good. Looking to the week ahead, temperatures in Pennsylvania range from the high 20's to the high 70's. Field activities for the week include spraying for insects, weed control, applying fertilizer, and readying equipment for fieldwork.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 13, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	1%	2%	60%	37%
Subsoil	1%	3%	74%	22%

Crop Progress (in %):

	April 13	Last Year	5-year Average
Spring Tillage	7	25	20
Peaches Pink	5	17	51

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	5	38	53	4
Alfalfa Hay	0	0	38	61	1
Other Hay	0	1	39	58	2
Pasture	12	10	58	19	1

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#)."

April 13, 2014 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	70	21	44	+1	1.12	3	2.33	+0.69	6	6	+6	63
	Erie	71	32	48	+3	1.20	3	1.65	+0.16	5	18	+18	76
	Franklin_AG	71	25	46	+2	1.19	4	2.33	+0.79	7	10	+10	80
	Meadville-Port	70	33	49	+7	0.99	3	1.85	+0.42	5	24	+24	105
	Springboro	69	26	46	+4	1.19	4	1.97	+0.65	6	11	+11	68
Warren	69	24	46	+3	1.13	4	1.82	+0.20	6	7	+7	66	
North Central	Bradford_Region	65	25	45	+4	1.36	4	2.25	+0.69	7	11	+11	59
	Coudersport_1SW	68	18	41	-2	1.05	4	1.79	+0.47	6	3	+3	31
	Kane	66	24	43	+4	1.16	4	1.89	+0.20	6	2	+2	45
	Laporte	62	26	43	0	1.08	2	1.68	+0.16	5	0	0	29
	Lock_Haven	73	25	46	+1	0.74	2	1.54	+0.11	4	9	+7	80
	Oswayo	68	18	43	+2	0.96	4	1.57	+0.22	6	3	+3	37
	Renovo	72	24	45	-2	0.87	3	1.64	+0.21	5	6	+2	78
	Ridgway	69	25	43	+2	1.16	4	2.10	+0.57	6	5	+5	59
	Stevenson_Dam	71	23	43	0	0.81	3	1.61	+0.12	5	3	+3	49
	Towanda	69	25	44	-2	0.79	2	0.89	-0.43	4	4	+4	47
	Wellsboro	67	23	43	+2	0.95	4	1.47	+0.39	6	1	+1	33
Williamsport_AP	70	28	51	+4	0.76	2	1.33	-0.12	4	32	+27	117	
Northeast	Hawley	67	22	44	+1	0.44	2	0.81	-0.73	4	4	+4	42
	Milanville	69	26	47	+4	0.20	2	0.46	-1.08	4	8	+8	62
	Susquehanna	67	25	44	+1	0.54	3	0.96	-0.72	5	3	+3	41
	Wilkes-Barre	68	29	51	+5	0.56	2	0.77	-0.60	4	28	+24	109
West Central	Butler	71	27	47	+3	0.89	3	1.75	+0.32	6	16	+16	101
	New_Castle_Ag	72	28	48	+4	1.15	4	2.45	+1.04	8	14	+14	102
	Slippery_Rock	71	21	47	+5	1.12	4	2.07	+0.55	6	16	+16	102
Central	Altoona_AP	70	33	51	+5	0.71	2	1.57	+0.21	6	35	+29	130
	Du_Bois	69	32	49	+6	0.96	4	1.74	+0.22	6	28	+28	111
	Lewistown	72	27	48	0	0.76	2	1.70	+0.33	5	17	+9	104
	Middletown	74	33	53	+4	0.56	2	1.05	-0.30	5	39	+14	150
	Prince_Gallitzi	71	23	46	+2	0.23	3	1.31	-0.11	7	16	+16	88
	Selinsgrove_2S	69	26	46	-1	0.69	2	1.30	-0.26	4	9	+5	80
	State_College_P	71	32	48	+3	0.46	3	1.48	+0.09	5	17	+15	98
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	71	27	51	+4	0.56	2	1.00	-0.44	5	26	+21	114
	Lehighton	70	28	47	+3	0.83	3	1.20	-0.49	5	13	+13	77
	Mt_Pocono	64	25	47	+7	0.80	2	1.06	-0.76	4	13	+13	73
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	75	41	55	+10	0.43	3	1.99	+0.69	7	65	+63	185
	Chalk_Hill	74	20	47	+1	0.86	4	1.68	-0.46	8	16	+13	89
	Connellsville_A	76	25	49	+3	0.63	3	2.24	+0.68	7	26	+19	122
	Indiana_3SE	74	23	47	+1	0.56	3	1.80	+0.18	6	12	+7	98
	Meyersdale	72	21	45	+1	0.45	2	1.06	-0.62	5	4	+4	73
	Pittsburgh_Intl	74	35	53	+6	0.60	3	2.05	+0.75	7	51	+41	163
Waynesburg	75	25	49	+3	0.41	3	1.75	+0.38	7	21	+16	117	
South Central	Biglerville	73	33	51	+5	0.55	2	0.79	-0.77	5	27	+23	124
	Everett	72	22	45	-3	0.91	2	1.40	-0.01	5	6	+3	78
	Hanover	75	31	50	+1	0.51	3	0.64	-0.82	6	25	+3	122
	Harrisburg_AP	72	32	53	+3	0.56	2	1.12	-0.23	5	38	+13	144
	South_Mountain	70	29	47	-4	0.59	2	1.04	-0.65	6	14	-10	100
York_AP	76	28	53	+3	0.48	2	0.69	-0.81	5	40	+17	142	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	76	31	51	+1	0.34	2	0.54	-1.09	4	24	-1	112
	Green_Lane	74	31	51	+4	0.46	1	0.97	-0.59	4	24	+17	118
	Hamburg	71	31	49	+2	0.53	2	0.91	-0.54	5	16	+8	100
	Lancaster_AP	74	30	52	+4	0.43	2	0.80	-0.57	5	33	+19	134
	Neshaminy_Falls	79	31	54	+6	0.46	2	0.83	-0.86	5	46	+32	141
	New_Holland	78	36	55	+8	0.42	3	0.70	-0.86	6	49	+41	154
	Philadelphia_AP	79	37	57	+6	0.55	1	0.62	-0.90	3	65	+35	185
	Philadelphia_NE	80	35	57	+8	0.45	1	0.68	-1.01	4	62	+48	179
	Reading_AP	74	32	54	+5	0.31	2	0.91	-0.65	5	43	+29	148
	Sellersville	75	29	50	+2	0.31	2	0.84	-0.85	5	22	+14	103
West_Chester	78	29	51	+1	0.45	1	0.62	-0.97	4	28	+9	115	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

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 Behney

Adams County had a pretty nice week of weather. Most days in the 50's daytime and yesterday into the 60's. Pretty breezy all week so with the sun and wind ground conditions are improving in the county. Most fields are still too wet to get into but made progress this week. Some rain predicted for tonight but weather for weekend is to be in the 70's and sunny. Wheat and barley and other small grains planted last fall look pretty decent as of now according to some producers. Some areas of fields that lay wet were drowned out from water lying in the fields. Those fields are greening up a lot with this warmer weather and sunshine. No oats has been planted yet this year as fields too wet to get in to prepare soil for planting. Hay and pastures are also greening but pretty early to tell how the crop will be for 2014. No corn or soybeans have been planted yet. Soil temperature still too cool and ground conditions too wet. Fruit crops are progressing. Peach buds are starting to swell and cherry buds were swollen. Apricots and Plums also swollen. Apples are starting to show buds with green tips. All of the fruit crops will be a little later than normal in blooming this year with cooler temperatures hanging around this Spring. Producers are stating that they will be doing everything all at one time with things being late. Spraying for insects, weed control, applying fertilizer etc. Some vegetables are started in high tunnels and strawberries will be a little later than normal also due to cooler temperatures. Won't be long now till all producers will be busy with their 2014 crops - hoping to have another good year of production. Producers are readying their equipment for fieldwork.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Slow fruit bud development accelerating with warm weekend temperatures.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN/ County, Thomas Kerr

Several days that were warm and sunny has prompted a flurry of activity in fields in the southern part of the county that are quick to dry out and warm up allowing some planting of alfalfa and oats. Spreading manure was quite evident this week as well.

CAMBRIA/SOMERSET County, David Stolz

Very little growth to judge on.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Slow start to spring fieldwork. A small amount of side hill plowing and manure hauling.

CLARION/FOREST /VENANGO/WARREN County, Tom Tanner

The trees are starting to bud and fields are greening up.

INDIANA County, J Scott Overdorff

Have gotten maybe 10 more acres plowed since last week. Had enough rain to keep you out of the fields. Hope to drill some oats this week if the weather cooperates. That is about it for this week. Hope everyone has a safe farming week.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Most soils are too wet to attempt any type of fieldwork. However, there are some farmers who have been spreading manure and fertilizer. Winter grain is looking good at this point; pastures are on behind with very grazing.

PERRY County, David L. Swartz

Cool temperatures continue to hold back pasture growth. Wet soil conditions continue to impede spring fieldwork.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Warm weather has finally arrived at end of week. Non rainy days allowed for some spring tillage. Sweet corn under plastic being planted.

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