

Crop Progress & Condition



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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4 days suitable for field work this week. Apples, peaches, and cherry trees are all now in full bloom. Barley is just starting to color in the state. Winter wheat is behind last year's progress at this time by 35%. Emerged oats are in good condition. Reports of hail last week damaged crops in the central part of the state. This upcoming week is mostly going to be in the upper 70's with overnight low's mostly in the low 50's with a dip in temperatures Thursday. Thunderstorms are projected for Tuesday and Wednesday but the rest of the week should be relatively dry so lots of field activities are expected. This week should include more soybean planting, and cutting of forage crops.

Crop Progress (in %):

	May 25	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	22	28	42
Barley Headed	90	75	90
Barley Coloring	48	8	39
Corn Planted	63	82	74
Corn Emerged	40	46	43
Oats Planted	93	99	95
Oats Emerged	81	95	86
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	9	9	20
Potatoes Planted	66	93	78
Soybean Planted	32	56	49
Soybean Emerged	10	26	21
Spring Tillage	69	-	-
Tobacco	87	-	-
Tobacco Transplanted or Set	7	26	31
Winter Wheat Headed	37	72	79

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 25, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	1%	79%	20%
Topsoil	0%	1%	75%	24%

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Hay	0	1	28	57	14
Oats	0	0	21	63	16
Other Hay	0	3	27	57	13
Pasture	4	8	25	41	22
Quality of Hay Made	0	1	2	18	79
Winter Wheat	0	7	26	55	12

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May 26, 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	75	34	55	-4	0.36	1	8.39	+1.39	26	213	+18	617	
	Erie	75	46	58	-3	0.93	2	7.01	+1.03	24	286	+54	691	
	Franklin_AG	77	37	57	-3	0.20	2	9.90	+3.27	28	249	+31	677	
	Meadville-Port	75	40	58	-1	0.75	2	8.35	+2.08	25	294	+107	737	
	Springboro	74	36	54	-6	0.10	2	9.71	+4.06	26	217	+26	582	
	Warren	72	37	56	-4	2.14	2	9.60	+2.83	27	245	+48	648	
North Central	Bradford_Region	72	30	54	-3	1.64	2	9.69	+3.18	24	204	+69	556	
	Coudersport_1SW	77	29	53	-4	1.55	5	8.84	+2.90	29	180	+17	485	
	Kane	73	30	54	-1	2.98	2	11.89	+4.85	26	169	+64	523	
	Laporte	73	38	55	-3	1.35	5	8.67	+2.35	28	176	+23	506	
	Lock_Haven	84	36	58	-3	1.64	3	9.11	+2.96	23	278	+22	711	
	Oswayo	75	29	54	-3	0.85	2	8.16	+2.45	23	185	+53	497	
	Renovo	83	36	58	-4	1.65	5	8.63	+2.78	28	280	+12	721	
	Ridgway	76	32	55	-2	4.01	2	11.39	+4.59	27	228	+90	616	
	Stevenson_Dam	81	31	55	-4	1.61	2	8.45	+2.18	24	205	+12	572	
	Towanda	76	37	57	-3	0.59	4	5.93	+0.18	24	242	+32	625	
	Wellsboro	77	34	56	-1	1.10	6	8.49	+3.66	30	194	+62	528	
	Williamsport_AP	80	38	61	-2	1.75	6	7.77	+1.27	23	355	+75	819	
Northeast	Hawley	76	33	56	-2	0.44	5	7.58	+0.62	26	199	+47	555	
	Milanville	75	32	57	-1	0.80	5	8.09	+1.13	22	243	+91	635	
	Susquehanna	74	35	57	-2	0.39	4	6.79	-0.39	26	220	+30	588	
	Wilkes-Barre	75	36	59	-3	0.66	4	5.72	-0.51	20	345	+72	788	
West Central	Butler	75	35	57	-3	0.00	0	6.82	-0.07	23	264	+66	715	
	New_Castle_Ag	81	39	60	0	0.00	0	9.23	+3.20	26	310	+69	770	
	Slippery_Rock	80	35	59	+2	0.36	1	10.33	+3.80	26	303	+136	761	
Central	Altoona_AP	79	37	59	-3	1.23	3	7.15	+0.82	22	330	+54	798	
	Du_Bois	77	37	58	-2	0.69	3	7.88	+1.51	26	314	+116	759	
	Lewistown	84	39	61	-2	0.70	2	8.46	+1.96	19	326	+23	794	
	Middletown	82	43	63	-2	0.61	4	9.84	+2.83	21	425	+40	935	
	Prince_Gallitzi	78	31	57	-3	0.63	3	5.98	-0.33	27	260	+51	675	
	Selinsgrove_2S	83	37	58	-4	1.19	4	8.29	+1.64	20	275	+11	715	
	State_College_P	79	37	58	-3	1.35	4	8.50	+2.43	25	300	+49	751	
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	77	38	61	-1	1.90	4	11.00	+3.90	22	374	+97	842	
	Lehighon	73	38	59	-1	0.41	5	10.34	+2.54	24	269	+53	700	
	Mt_Pocono	73	37	57	+2	0.42	4	10.14	+2.10	22	222	+115	609	
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	79	42	63	+3	0.00	0	7.95	+1.61	24	490	+249	1003	
	Chalk_Hill	75	29	54	-5	0.03	1	8.05	-1.24	29	246	+20	652	
	Connellsville_A	79	37	59	-4	0.01	1	8.74	+1.49	28	357	+74	831	
	Indiana_3SE	78	35	57	-5	0.07	1	7.36	+0.05	25	264	0	704	
	Meyersdale	74	30	54	-5	0.06	2	7.01	-0.84	25	181	+2	567	
	Pittsburgh_Intl	78	38	61	-2	0.00	0	7.17	+1.14	25	418	+111	917	
	Waynesburg	78	34	58	-4	0.12	1	6.63	+0.00	27	314	+57	776	
South Central	Biglerville	83	43	61	0	0.48	2	9.53	+2.31	19	364	+96	845	
	Everett	79	33	56	-5	0.29	2	6.92	+0.44	22	222	-20	634	
	Hanover	83	38	60	-5	0.49	4	9.41	+2.99	21	344	-33	823	
	Harrisburg_AP	83	41	62	-3	0.77	4	8.97	+1.96	20	392	+7	892	
	South_Mountain	77	35	57	-7	0.33	3	10.03	+1.95	23	246	-128	675	
	York_AP	84	37	61	-4	0.57	4	7.51	+0.60	23	375	-4	857	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	75	40	60	-5	1.95	3	10.72	+2.93	17	362	-39	834	
	Green_Lane	76	41	61	-1	0.34	4	12.11	+4.94	21	361	+80	833	
	Hamburg	76	39	61	-2	0.78	3	10.18	+2.76	20	339	+33	804	
	Lancaster_AP	80	40	61	-3	0.55	3	7.67	+0.93	21	362	+29	844	
	Neshaminy_Falls	81	39	62	-1	0.25	2	8.88	+0.99	19	393	+67	875	
	New_Holland	83	43	63	+3	0.30	1	9.77	+1.99	19	410	+127	905	
	Philadelphia_AP	79	49	66	0	0.12	2	8.64	+1.97	15	549	+117	1074	
	Philadelphia_NE	77	47	64	+2	0.27	4	8.82	+0.93	19	530	+204	1044	
	Reading_AP	82	41	62	-2	1.07	3	9.52	+2.22	20	427	+84	928	
	Sellersville	73	38	59	-4	1.37	4	13.87	+5.81	21	301	-1	750	
West_Chester	82	37	60	-4	0.49	4	12.00	+4.64	23	355	+4	819		

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 A. Behney

Adams County started the week out 41 degrees on Monday and sunny blue skies warmed to 70's. Tuesday morning started 52 degrees and sunny high 60's and cloudier in the evening. Wednesday morning 50's and thunderstorm and rain morning warmed to 70's with half inch all day. Thursday was rainy and cloudy morning around 60's and then sunburned through fog around 8 and warmed to 70's daytime. Some areas early evening received heavy thunderstorms and rain with another inch of rain but then other areas of county received nothing. Friday through Sunday was nice weather and sunny conditions. Breezes helped to dry off some of the moisture. Corn and soybeans continue to be planted with most producers behind normal planting and eager to get their crops in the ground. Some earlier corn and soybeans that had been planted are now emerged. Barley is ripening and wheat is now pretty much all headed. Those small grains continue to mature and get some height to them. Oats is coming along but needs some warm sunny weather conditions. Hay continues to grow also with some haylage being made. When producers can get some good days of weather together some dry hay will be baled. Penn State Fruit lab is advising producers to be aware of the conditions and potential effects on their fruit. Fruit growers are still concerned with fire blight infection and scab with sporadic rains that we've been getting every few days. Some areas last week had heavy rains which may have affected some fruit crops. Vegetables are planted outside and looking good. Strawberries should be coming in real soon in the county and could use some warmer temperatures and sunshine. Overall all producers are busy with their crops at this time and all hoping that the weather conditions are good all year for good yields.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

All tree fruits are now post bloom. Apple varieties are being thinned. The one apple variety that appears to be less than a full commercial potential is Golden Delicious. The bloom in most orchards was variable.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Good weather for hay making after mid week and catching up on corn planting. Hay quality is good but somewhat short. Fruit is looking good except cherries.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good week to continue field work between showers. 1.25 inches of rainfall for the week.

CRAWFORD County, Ron MnCorkle

Excellent weekend for field work. The roar of engines and the sharps sounds of equipment running over stones in the fields made for a productive weekend. Hay making, tillage, corn and bean planting and moving cows to fresh grass were just some of the activities during these nice weather days.

FOREST County, Tom Tanner

The frost from a week ago and the rains that followed slowed planting. Many acres still need to be planted and the short windows of no rain has been difficult.

INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff

We have not had any notable rain fall this week. You would have been able to work in the fields all week. All of the oats has been drilled and is up. It is looking good, but could some rain on it this next week. Have been planting soy beans. Close to half being done. Have some more fields ready for beans to plant and should be able to finish them this week. Then we will switch to planting corn. Have not planted any corn yet. The hay fields are growing and don't look bad. Another shot of rain along with the warm weather will make the grass grow. Probably try to cut some hay in 2 weeks. Hope everyone has a safe farming week and enjoyed the holiday weekend.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Heavy rains during the early part of the week limited the field activities. The barley has headed and is looking good. Wheat is beginning to head. Chopping of forage is progressing slowly. The activities were limited to repairing of flood damage, spraying and chopping forage.

LACKAWANNA County, C. John Esslinger

Hail caused extensive damage to crops in areas of Montour and Columbia Counties.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Wheat is starting to head.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

This week brought the cutting of alfalfa. More corn and soybeans were planted. The weather is still unsettled with hot days, cool evenings and scattered showers. The bad storms that hit neighboring counties this week missed Lebanon County.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer and it was the first time in a while field conditions were dry enough for field work. Activities included planting corn and soybeans, making hay, baleage and rye straw. Hit and miss thunder storms last week gave some a half inch and others early 2" with areas to our northwest near Reading with golf ball size hail. No crop damage reports that I heard of.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Rain continues to keep planting progress slow. Most corn is up but needs more warmth and sunshine. Wheat looks healthy but somewhat uneven. Some cereal leaf beetle detected.

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