

# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work this week. The average height of emerged corn is 6 inches. Oats just starting heading and winter wheat just started coloring in the last week. Plants are now up in all tobacco fields as well. Last week was one of the best weeks for field work so far this Spring. Many farmers spent the week cutting hay and planting corn and soybeans. Majority of the soil has adequate moisture but surpluses are expected with this week's weather. Thunderstorms are projected for every day this week but the weekend should be relatively dry with temperatures in the low 80's. Very limited field work will be done this week.

**PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 8, 2014**  
(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0%	2%	84%	14%
Topsoil	0%	2%	80%	18%

**Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa Hay	0	1	27	57	15
Corn	0	1	14	77	8
Oats	0	0	19	69	12
Other Hay	0	3	27	58	12
Pasture	4	7	22	44	23
Quality of Hay Made	0	1	6	46	47
Soybean	0	2	20	61	17
Winter Wheat	0	6	23	56	15

**Crop Progress (in %):**

	June 8	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	59	77	73
Barley Headed	94	96	98
Barley Coloring	67	72	80
Corn Planted	89	96	92
Corn Emerged	71	75	74
Oats Emerged	96	99	96
Oats Headed	11	27	23
Other Hay 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	36	50	50
Potatoes Planted	70	-	-
Soybean Planted	74	85	77
Soybean Emerged	49	61	54
Spring Tillage	85	-	-
Tobacco	100	-	-
Tobacco Transplanted or Set	71	82	82
Winter Wheat Headed	82	98	98
Winter Wheat Coloring	19	12	25

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## June 8, 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	81	41	63	+1	0.56	3	9.03	-0.24	30	405	+46	949
	Erie	84	47	67	+2	0.39	2	7.46	-0.36	27	511	+86	1056
	Franklin_AG	84	43	65	+1	0.80	3	10.72	+2.04	33	471	+72	1039
	Meadville-Port	82	44	65	+3	0.77	3	9.47	+1.24	31	521	+168	1104
	Springboro	82	42	63	-1	0.67	3	10.43	+2.74	30	398	+34	903
	Warren	83	45	63	0	0.57	3	10.33	+1.37	31	448	+80	991
North Central	Bradford_Region	78	41	61	+2	0.55	3	10.97	+2.11	28	362	+100	854
	Coudersport_1SW	82	37	60	-1	0.13	2	9.29	+1.02	32	324	+18	769
	Kane	81	38	61	+3	0.59	3	12.79	+3.53	30	335	+120	829
	Laporte	77	46	61	+1	1.13	2	11.43	+3.15	31	335	+38	805
	Lock_Haven	87	50	66	+3	0.55	2	9.79	+1.62	27	500	+52	1073
	Oswayo	81	40	60	0	0.19	2	8.51	+0.75	26	347	+85	799
	Renovo	84	48	65	+1	0.72	2	9.98	+2.13	31	490	+26	1071
	Ridgway	81	45	63	+3	0.63	3	12.58	+3.59	31	413	+139	941
	Stevenson_Dam	83	37	62	-2	0.94	2	9.94	+1.60	27	374	+11	881
	Towanda	85	45	64	+2	0.37	2	6.44	-0.94	27	437	+53	960
	Wellsboro	81	42	61	+2	0.15	2	8.88	+2.18	34	357	+95	831
	Williamsport_AP	86	50	68	+3	0.97	2	9.03	+0.60	27	594	+111	1198
Northeast	Hawley	85	40	63	+3	0.30	2	7.88	-1.00	28	377	+79	873
	Milanville	87	45	65	+5	0.38	2	8.47	-0.41	24	448	+150	980
	Susquehanna	83	47	64	+3	0.37	2	7.30	-1.82	30	406	+55	914
	Wilkes-Barre	85	50	68	+3	0.27	1	6.03	-1.98	22	576	+103	1159
West Central	Butler	81	43	63	0	1.80	3	8.81	-0.04	29	470	+100	1061
	New_Castle_Ag	88	45	67	+3	1.33	3	10.99	+3.16	32	556	+123	1156
	Slippery_Rock	86	43	66	+5	0.68	3	11.75	+3.20	31	545	+224	1143
Central	Altoona_AP	83	48	66	+2	0.79	2	8.88	+0.73	27	557	+79	1165
	Du_Bois	81	43	65	+3	1.43	3	9.37	+0.78	30	537	+172	1122
	Lewistown	87	52	67	+2	1.83	2	10.77	+2.19	23	566	+57	1174
	Middletown	85	57	71	+3	0.61	2	11.66	+2.59	26	694	+69	1344
	Prince_Gallitzi	83	41	63	0	1.56	2	8.28	+0.29	32	447	+64	1002
	Selinsgrove_2S	86	50	67	+3	1.24	2	9.75	+1.09	23	508	+43	1088
	State_College_P	83	51	65	0	0.88	2	9.83	+1.85	29	523	+79	1114
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	88	51	69	+3	1.10	2	12.17	+3.09	25	616	+130	1224
	Lehighton	87	47	65	+3	1.23	3	11.71	+1.67	30	475	+84	1046
	Mt_Pocono	81	48	64	+5	0.56	2	10.72	+0.50	25	401	+174	928
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	85	53	70	+6	0.54	3	9.91	+1.75	29	777	+347	1430
	Chalk_Hill	82	40	64	+2	1.51	3	10.28	-1.25	34	451	+58	997
	Connellsville_A	83	46	67	+2	0.53	3	11.55	+2.34	34	597	+110	1211
	Indiana_3SE	82	43	64	-2	0.82	3	8.85	-0.67	30	459	+3	1039
	Meyersdale	78	42	61	-2	1.66	3	10.71	+0.88	31	346	+12	872
	Pittsburgh_Intl	83	48	68	+2	0.42	3	9.05	+1.19	30	683	+164	1322
	Waynesburg	83	45	66	+2	0.71	2	7.95	-0.48	30	544	+92	1146
South Central	Biglerville	84	52	68	+3	0.54	2	10.70	+1.58	24	608	+135	1229
	Everett	83	45	63	-1	0.91	3	8.28	-0.02	28	402	-22	954
	Hanover	84	50	67	-2	0.60	2	10.56	+2.33	26	574	-43	1193
	Harrisburg_AP	84	53	69	+2	0.60	2	10.52	+1.45	25	653	+28	1293
	South_Mountain	79	47	65	-3	0.41	2	11.22	+0.80	27	445	-155	1014
	York_AP	83	50	67	-1	0.81	2	8.78	-0.19	28	606	-10	1228
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	88	49	68	-1	0.25	3	11.18	+1.50	22	596	-57	1208
	Green_Lane	87	50	68	+3	0.21	1	13.18	+4.24	24	597	+111	1209
	Hamburg	86	52	68	+2	1.33	2	12.08	+2.42	25	579	+54	1184
	Lancaster_AP	86	53	68	+2	0.39	2	8.64	-0.01	26	599	+40	1221
	Neshaminy_Falls	89	47	69	+2	0.80	2	10.47	+0.57	24	627	+70	1249
	New_Holland	86	55	70	+5	0.59	3	11.03	+1.25	25	667	+181	1302
	Philadelphia_AP	89	56	72	+3	0.46	2	10.06	+1.80	19	835	+142	1500
	Philadelphia_NE	88	53	71	+4	0.14	3	9.56	-0.34	24	802	+245	1456
	Reading_AP	87	53	69	+2	0.45	3	10.41	+1.01	25	688	+113	1329
	Sellersville	85	47	66	+1	0.26	2	14.68	+4.71	25	516	-1	1105
	West_Chester	89	47	68	+1	0.23	3	12.77	+3.38	29	583	+4	1187

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, Lee Showalter

Most apples appear to be setting a good crop. Chemical thinning has pretty much been concluded and the results are not yet known. Some blocks of Golden Delicious are quite variable with some trees having a good crop while others are very light. Peaches and nectarines appear to be a better crop than first thought. Most yellow freestones are adequate, white peaches are light to adequate, and clingstones are a full crop.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Sunny dry week allowed for finishing up on grass hay making, and planting corn and soybean. Barley not yet ready to harvest, probably at least 7 days late. Wheat looks like it will be a light crop due to thin spots.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Corn and Soybeans are nearly all planted. Hay harvest is in full swing for dry hay. Herbicide application continues.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Some Hay making between showers. 3/4 inch of rainfall for the week.

FOREST County, Tom Tanner

Frost last week of May froze the apple and peach blossoms. Many of the farmers finished planting spring crops. It was a challenge. Many farmers are trying to make hay. In need of a couple weeks without rain drops!

INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff

The topsoil is a little on the dry side, and the subsoil is just about right. Had good field conditions to finish up the planting this last week. Got all of the corn planted and finished up Saturday (7 Jun 14) planting soybeans. The oats is looking good. It was big enough to spray some on Saturday. The hay fields are ready to make hay off of. The weather this week does not look good for making any hay though. The earlier planted soybeans are coming up looking real nice. And the same goes for the first planted corn. Well hope everyone has a safe farming week.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Winter barley is beginning to color and has good head length. Some soybean stands are poor. Second cutting of alfalfa is starting off very well. Planting, chopping forage, haymaking and spraying were the main activities for the week.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

The beginning of the week had great conditions for baling hay and alfalfa. Corn and soybean planting continues. So far the crops look good.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Hay harvesting finally got under way last week. Area corn producers have replanted some fields due to the prior 6 inches of rainfall 10 days ago.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Best week for field work all year occurred last week. Corn and soybeans were planted all week, with only light to moderate rain mid week didn't slow planting progress too much. Some very nice hay was made early and late in the week. This week doesn't look good for field work, already had rain overnight and more is forecasted every other day. There is still a fair amount of corn and soybeans to plant and a lot of hay standing.

SOMERSET County, Dale Kriner

Three short, heavy downpours put 2.25 inches in the rain gauge yesterday. There seemed to be more tillage performed this spring than in recent years, now the heavy rains we have been receiving are causing soil erosion. Many fields have small gullies.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Wet conditions, but corn and beans are progressing very well. Hay making is tough, but second cutting looks good.

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