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Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 5 days suitable for field work last week. The average height of emerged corn is 76 inches with some crops entering the early dough phase. Winter wheat harvests are nearing completion while oats have nearly all finished coloring. First cuttings of other hay are nearly complete and some have already begun with a third cutting. Early apple harvests remain on schedule while peaches continue to lag behind. Frequent rains have led to delays with hay and oat harvests. Pests, such as Mexican and Japanese beetles as well as downy mildew, have been spotted with increasing frequency on soybeans. Temperatures will range from the low to high 80's with partial cloud cover and occasional thunderstorms early in the week. Main field activities for the week will be harvesting, spraying, baling and spreading manure.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 3rd, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	0	17	69	14
Topsoil	0	16	71	13

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	4	6	18	50	22
Cherries	100	0	0	0	0
Corn	0	3	16	46	35
Oats	1	2	24	59	14
Other Hay	1	13	29	53	4
Pasture	5	8	32	41	14
Peaches	2	0	11	50	37
Quality of Hay Made	3	4	26	38	29
Soybean	0	1	16	62	21
Winter Wheat	0	4	20	53	23

Crop Progress (in %):

	August 3rd	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	85	88	92
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	42	28	51
Apples Harvested	12	10	18
Corn Silking	81	90	86
Corn Milk	44	-	-
Corn Dough	5	24	21
Oats Coloring	96	100	100
Oats Mature	58	92	82
Oats Harvested	32	59	55
Other Hay 1 st Cutting	97	-	-
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	62	60	69
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	6	-	-
Peaches Harvested	20	46	50
Soybean Blooming	82	-	-
Soybean Setting Pods	50	-	-
Winter Wheat Harvested	96	97	96

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

August 3, 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	85	49	65	-5	2.04	6	23.23	+4.60	67	1383	+30	2487
	Erie	83	59	69	-4	1.65	6	16.26	+1.65	53	1663	+85	2768
	Franklin_AG	84	51	66	-6	3.06	4	27.88	10.08	70	1548	+66	2676
	Meadville-Port	82	51	66	-5	2.17	6	21.92	+5.72	66	1588	+224	2731
	Springboro	82	54	66	-5	2.48	6	24.65	+9.13	63	1365	-48	2430
	Warren	84	52	65	-6	1.47	5	22.04	+4.83	63	1464	+56	2567
North Central	Bradford_Region	80	44	62	-5	1.50	5	20.81	+3.34	55	1220	+133	2272
	Coudersport_1SW	83	48	63	-4	1.35	4	21.57	+4.60	62	1172	+16	2177
	Kane	81	45	62	-3	2.71	6	27.27	+9.70	59	1138	+186	2172
	Laporte	81	50	63	-6	0.87	3	20.51	+5.37	57	1239	+9	2269
	Lock_Haven	87	53	68	-4	0.83	4	16.63	+0.27	51	1643	+56	2776
	Oswayo	82	46	63	-5	1.85	5	20.66	+4.52	50	1140	+31	2139
	Renovo	86	54	68	-5	0.62	4	16.25	+0.86	60	1608	+24	2749
	Ridgway	83	49	65	-3	1.71	5	23.26	+5.58	64	1379	+229	2466
	Stevenson_Dam	85	51	66	-6	1.89	5	16.17	-0.37	53	1400	-14	2467
	Towanda	89	48	67	-5	0.50	3	10.80	-2.87	46	1481	+34	2564
	Wellsboro	84	46	63	-5	0.56	3	14.97	+0.88	61	1222	+108	2256
	Williamsport_AP	90	54	71	-2	0.94	5	15.30	-0.84	52	1860	+199	3024
Northeast	Hawley	84	48	65	-4	2.27	5	19.87	+3.93	53	1363	+115	2419
	Milanville	86	48	68	-1	0.43	3	17.34	+1.40	45	1502	+254	2594
	Susquehanna	84	50	67	-3	0.82	4	15.28	-0.85	52	1429	+95	2497
	Wilkes-Barre	89	52	70	-3	0.53	4	10.71	-4.27	43	1826	+199	2969
West Central	Butler	83	52	66	-5	2.35	5	23.30	+6.48	61	1535	+133	2686
	New_Castle_Ag	88	54	68	-4	1.13	4	21.17	+5.56	64	1726	+163	2886
	Slippery_Rock	88	50	68	-1	1.51	4	24.07	+7.22	63	1682	+409	2840
Central	Altoona_AP	86	49	67	-6	1.83	4	19.38	+4.46	53	1698	+78	2866
	Du_Bois	82	49	66	-4	2.36	4	21.10	+4.34	58	1614	+254	2759
	Lewistown	86	52	68	-6	2.26	5	21.27	+4.80	51	1788	+95	2956
	Middletown	92	56	73	-4	1.89	5	19.30	+3.89	50	2135	+154	3345
	Prince_Gallitzi	84	46	64	-7	2.49	6	17.61	+2.76	61	1478	+61	2593
	Selinsgrove_2S	90	51	69	-4	1.30	5	16.49	+0.42	50	1724	+77	2864
	State_College_P	83	53	67	-5	2.89	5	21.23	+6.19	58	1660	+99	2811
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	88	51	71	-3	0.54	2	20.86	+4.22	46	1931	+226	3099
	Lehighton	82	51	68	-4	0.46	5	21.31	+2.88	58	1567	+100	2698
	Mt_Pocono	81	45	66	-2	0.26	2	17.74	-0.21	46	1382	+304	2469
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	83	51	67	-5	0.74	4	17.44	+2.18	57	2045	+511	3258
	Chalk_Hill	80	45	63	-6	1.33	3	20.13	-0.87	62	1425	+56	2531
	Connellsville_A	85	50	67	-5	2.31	5	22.90	+5.47	60	1785	+133	2959
	Indiana_3SE	82	47	65	-6	3.28	5	19.56	+1.01	66	1518	-25	2658
	Meyersdale	80	44	62	-8	0.86	4	17.69	+0.82	58	1278	-16	2364
	Pittsburgh_Intl	83	51	68	-6	0.81	4	17.91	+2.69	57	1898	+187	3097
	Waynesburg	82	48	66	-6	0.12	3	15.41	-0.06	56	1666	+98	2828
South Central	Biglerville	91	50	70	-4	0.81	3	17.25	+1.23	42	1933	+256	3114
	Everett	86	46	65	-7	0.15	3	15.88	+0.85	56	1424	-87	2536
	Hanover	87	49	69	-7	1.98	4	19.34	+5.71	51	1832	-125	3011
	Harrisburg_AP	90	52	70	-6	2.37	4	20.19	+4.78	50	1968	-13	3168
	South_Mountain	83	49	66	-8	0.41	4	18.83	+0.97	51	1519	-305	2648
	York_AP	89	48	70	-6	0.89	2	15.94	-0.22	50	1886	-33	3068
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	88	55	70	-7	1.46	4	18.89	+1.46	44	1888	-157	3060
	Green_Lane	88	54	71	-4	2.48	4	21.60	+5.49	45	1892	+193	3064
	Hamburg	88	55	71	-4	2.31	4	22.18	+4.23	52	1826	+48	2991
	Lancaster_AP	88	53	70	-5	3.12	3	20.31	+4.04	49	1898	+54	3080
	Neshaminy_Falls	85	55	70	-6	2.06	4	19.45	+0.71	47	1968	+89	3150
	New_Holland	84	54	70	-4	0.54	4	23.09	+5.40	51	1994	+328	3189
	Philadelphia_AP	91	62	75	-4	2.26	3	20.14	+4.69	40	2358	+212	3583
	Philadelphia_NE	91	60	74	-2	2.02	3	19.86	+1.12	47	2294	+415	3508
	Reading_AP	90	54	72	-3	0.44	2	18.73	+1.75	48	2079	+205	3280
	Sellersville	87	49	68	-6	1.93	3	23.12	+4.64	46	1725	-26	2874
West_Chester	90	52	70	-6	1.35	4	19.18	+1.65	52	1880	0	3044	

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 with Monday morning temperatures around 67 degrees. Monday was also wet from Sunday nights thunderstorms in the county but temperatures reached 70 degrees. Some areas of county received some showers that evening. Tuesday morning started at 59 degrees and cloudy the high was 60's. Wednesday sunny blue skies morning temperature was 50 degrees. Daytime got into the 70's with no humidity. Thursday morning 59 degrees foggy early then sun burned through. Some mornings felt like fall temperatures. Weekend was nice weather and Sunday afternoon/evening thunderstorms rolled through the area with York Springs receiving 2 inches of rainfall. Corn and soybeans continue to grow. This week's cooler weather may have slowed progression of crops. Hay continues to be baled and rains we received last Sunday have improved the crops somewhat. Oats continues to mature and will be harvested shortly. Fruit crops continue to size their crop. Peaches are being harvested and have nice flavor. Some early apples are also being harvested. Sweet corn is being harvested which is the early planted sweet corn and also multiple kinds of other vegetable are being harvested and enjoyed by all. Overall the producers are still pretty busy around their farms with keeping track of status of their planted crops, baling hay, mowing around their fields etc. They keep hoping for regular rainfall to help their crops till harvest time.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Some ore general showers helped this week, but still generally dry. Peach harvest is well under way and yields are showing up shorter than expected with many yields now placed at 50% to 60% of normal, but quality is excellent. Prices are expected to hold well throughout the season. Apples are anticipated to be about 75% of normal.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Producers continue to have difficulty making dry hay. Wheat harvest is complete, oats harvest waiting on good dry days.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Severe thunderstorms on Sunday - 1.3 inches of rain and 6 PM and another 1 inch during the night.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

A week of showers provided time to catch up on indoor chores. Crops and weeds growing well. No dry hay made during the week. 3 inches in the rain gauge.

COLUMBIA County, John Yocum

Some wilting of corn and soybean during the day-recovery at night.

FOREST County, Tom Tanner

The wet weather has made it difficult for controlling weeds.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Crops are progressing very well. Dry haymaking is difficult. Activities for the week were harvesting, spraying, baling straw and spreading manure.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

There were storms over the county early in the week. The rain amounts varied greatly from 1/2 inch to 2 inches depending on the area. Hay and alfalfa was cut and baled. Soybeans in the areas that did not have a lot of rain have plants that look good but pods are not filling out.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Last week's rain and cloudy days resulted in another week of no progress in hay making. It has rained in some form for the last five days. Corn fields have a variety of corn heights, yellow corn, and tassels in different stages.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Thunderstorms brought a significant and much needed rain to areas of the county as corn is filling ears. Mexican Bean Beetle populations increasing on soybeans. Other soybean pests observed are downy mildew and Japanese Beetles.

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