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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 3.0 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures were reported with an average of 46(°F), a high of 78(°F) and a low of 18(°F). Further rain and cold temperatures have slowed overall progress and many plantings are a bit behind. Fruit growers in particular, shared concern over a potential frost which appears to have been avoided by most of Pennsylvania despite reports of snow this weekend in Cambria and Summerset counties. Warmer temperatures would be a welcome boon to all. Field activities included fertilizer and manure spreading, plowing and some oat and corn planting where weather permitted.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	10	81	9
Subsoil	0	5	80	15

Crop Progress as of April 26, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
OATS (PLANTED)	35	19	35	53
OATS (EMERGED)	13	<5	13	25
CORN (PLANTED)	3	0	<5	11
SPRING TILLAGE (SINGLE)	32	21	28	6
TOBACCO OUTSIDE BEDS (SEEDED)	19	15	N/A	N/A

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April 26, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	72	26	44	-5	1.29	5	4.24	+0.91	16	45	+32	204
	Erie	72	29	45	-6	0.29	3	2.89	-0.05	14	69	+47	222
	Franklin_AG	72	29	45	-5	1.36	5	4.65	+1.55	16	66	+45	235
	Meadville-Port	72	28	44	-4	0.91	4	3.29	+0.34	14	88	+76	271
	Springboro	72	25	43	-6	0.55	5	3.15	+0.40	17	40	+28	189
	Titusville	72	25	41	-7	1.20	3	3.73	+0.45	10	33	+27	170
	Warren	73	27	44	-6	0.92	5	4.27	+1.04	16	42	+28	197
North Central	Bradford_Region	68	23	40	-7	1.42	5	4.61	+1.55	16	29	+25	158
	Coudersport_1SW	69	22	40	-7	1.01	4	5.03	+2.31	15	11	+2	118
	Kane	70	23	42	-3	1.15	5	4.19	+0.82	16	31	+31	171
	Laporte	63	26	41	-7	2.07	4	4.76	+1.70	15	21	+12	130
	Lock_Haven	71	28	47	-5	1.71	4	4.75	+1.89	14	59	+29	230
	Oswayo	69	19	40	-7	0.91	5	3.80	+1.10	16	14	+11	125
	Renovo	70	29	46	-6	0.98	3	4.66	+1.80	13	51	+16	220
	Ridgway	72	25	44	-4	0.97	5	4.17	+1.08	16	37	+32	183
	Stevenson_Dam	70	24	44	-5	1.10	4	4.91	+1.99	14	35	+23	180
	Towanda	69	29	45	-5	1.96	4	5.12	+2.37	16	27	+7	166
	Wellsboro	66	25	42	-5	1.03	4	4.19	+1.99	15	20	+16	140
	Williamsport_AP	70	31	48	-4	2.02	4	4.65	+1.64	14	94	+56	268
Northeast	Hawley	66	25	44	-5	1.48	4	3.38	+0.17	12	13	+5	135
	Milanville	65	23	44	-4	1.29	5	3.30	+0.09	16	25	+17	146
	Susquehanna	66	26	43	-6	1.50	5	4.95	+1.54	16	17	+1	145
	Wilkes-Barre	69	31	48	-5	1.60	3	3.18	+0.38	13	83	+50	253
West Central	Butler	71	29	46	-4	1.11	5	5.02	+2.04	15	74	+58	245
	New_Castle_Ag	75	28	48	-3	0.82	4	4.75	+1.91	16	93	+70	283
	Slippery_Rock	78	28	47	-2	0.98	4	4.11	+1.13	14	90	+81	269
Central	Altoona_AP	71	31	47	-5	1.37	4	3.00	+0.21	13	98	+59	280
	Du_Bois	73	28	45	-5	1.11	4	4.00	+1.05	14	94	+79	273
	Elizabethville	75	31	49	-3	2.70	4	3.62	+0.50	12	77	+43	262
	Lewistown	72	33	49	-4	1.78	4	3.06	+0.28	15	81	+35	270
	Middletown	72	32	52	-4	1.39	3	2.00	-0.81	10	137	+58	345
	Prince_Gallitzi	68	25	44	-6	1.20	4	3.48	+0.63	13	66	+47	225
	Selinsgrove_2S	69	30	48	-4	1.28	3	2.65	-0.47	13	57	+23	224
	State_College_P	67	31	46	-6	2.42	4	4.96	+2.24	14	65	+36	238
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	68	27	50	-3	1.04	3	1.95	-1.02	11	107	+72	292
	Lehighton	66	29	47	-3	2.08	3	3.22	-0.21	10	56	+39	216
	Mt_Pocono	62	28	43	-4	2.15	4	3.47	-0.22	14	36	+34	177
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	74	30	48	-3	1.08	5	3.91	+1.25	14	160	+133	370
	Chalk_Hill	74	30	48	-4	1.57	5	4.97	+0.62	16	88	+60	288
	Connellsville_A	78	31	50	-3	1.41	4	5.29	+2.08	15	124	+82	332
	Indiana_3SE	77	28	47	-5	1.68	5	4.66	+1.42	16	74	+39	255
	Meyersdale	74	29	45	-4	1.20	5	3.18	-0.23	15	47	+34	206
	Pittsburgh_Intl	74	28	48	-5	0.87	5	3.44	+0.84	14	155	+107	367
	Waynesburg	74	27	48	-4	1.17	5	5.49	+2.72	15	108	+75	304
South Central	Biglerville	77	33	51	0	2.56	2	3.52	+0.39	11	104	+71	303
	Everett	70	18	45	-7	1.99	4	3.54	+0.64	15	51	+22	217
	Hanover	77	29	50	-5	0.94	3	1.65	-1.25	14	94	+19	292
	Harrisburg_AP	70	32	51	-4	2.00	3	2.93	+0.12	10	137	+58	337
	South_Mountain	73	28	47	-9	1.36	3	2.42	-0.98	12	57	-22	223
	York_AP	78	26	50	-5	1.27	3	1.82	-1.22	11	121	+44	310
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	70	30	50	-6	1.18	3	1.82	-1.47	10	93	+12	281
	Green_Lane	68	31	50	-3	1.61	3	2.22	-0.95	10	87	+48	276
	Hamburg	64	32	49	-4	2.12	3	3.22	+0.18	11	81	+38	260
	Lancaster_AP	73	29	50	-4	1.08	3	1.62	-1.18	12	114	+59	307
	Neshaminy_Falls	74	28	51	-3	2.83	3	3.47	+0.08	11	114	+58	318
	New_Holland	75	32	51	-3	1.15	3	1.67	-1.55	11	124	+83	337
	Philadelphia_AP	76	37	55	-2	2.83	2	3.64	+0.63	12	173	+82	404
	Philadelphia_NE	75	34	54	+1	2.73	3	3.37	-0.02	12	172	+116	396
	Reading_AP	67	31	50	-4	1.10	3	1.74	-1.42	10	125	+68	321
	Sellersville	69	31	50	-3	1.53	4	2.24	-1.24	12	72	+28	244
	West_Chester	75	27	50	-4	1.73	4	2.20	-0.98	12	86	+19	263

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 week wet from heavy rains Sunday into Monday morning most areas got 2.5 inches of rainfall and then again Monday night had another 0.5" so we are plenty wet. Temperatures were in the mid 50's for morning temperatures but then rose to 64 then Wednesday morning was 44 and daytime only got in low 60's but sunny till evening then cloudy but breezy all day and Thursday and Friday was 37 with freeze warnings and also Saturday is to be colder. Day time temperatures only got to 45 degrees and windy. Pretty cold this time of year. No field work done this week for grain/forage producers. Small grains and forage crops are greening up and growing. Those crops could use some warmer temperatures and sunshine to help them. Fruit growers have been busy with trying to keep their orchards sprayed for controlling scab, blight etc. Freeze warning past few days and for tomorrow are a concern also. Stone fruit is blossoming and apples are pushing but cooler temperatures are holding them back a little. Vegetable growers are watching temperatures also for their crops that we have been having for their crops already planted. Overall the producers are readying their equipment for future planting season and awaiting the field conditions to permit them to access their spring field work.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Rain this week slowed the field work, but better weather later allowed for hauling manure, spreading fertilizer and herbicide burn down in preparation for planting. Cold nights Thur and Friday, did not reach critical temperatures for significant fruit bud damage. No winter damage to fruit is apparent at this time.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Alfalfa and Oats are being seeded. Field applications of manure, lime, fertilizer and herbicide are being completed.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

This week had a variety of weather patterns - rain, hail, snow, windy, and a little sun. Amongst all the crazy weather, farmers were spreading fertilizer, manure, plowing, and planting oats. Still behind in planting the crops in the county.

CAMBRIA/SUMMERSET, David Stolz

Ground is white with snow as I fill this out Sat Am

CENTRE County, Dick A Decker

Wet cold weather is slowing spring activities. Some fertilizer, lime and manure applications. Next week looks better.

CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO/WARREN Counties, Tom Tanner

Tilling and spraying

ERIE County, Nancy Lewis

Late April snowfall and excess rainfall is impeding the progress of spring tillage for planting.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer

Not a very good week for field activities. Heavy rains during the beginning of the week, followed by strong winds and below normal temperatures; prevented many activities from being conducted for this time of the year.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

The cool weather is delaying the growth of small grains, however rye for forage is progressing well and some growers may begin cutting the end of this week. Overall corn planting is slow, but good soil moisture has allowed significant acres to be planted.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

The weather remains very unseasonal with a couple nights of temperatures in the 30's. Corn and soybean planting is delayed while farmers wait for the warmer temperatures. Manure continues to be hauled. Some farmers are getting their cover crops burned down.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Hay fields have started some growth this week. We had five nights in the mid-thirties and soil temperatures are low. Seeding of new hay fields are in progress the last few days.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Heavy rain Monday, 1.5" put an end to field work followed by cold, wet and windy conditions most of the week. Small grains, hay fields and pastures responded well to the rain and the incorporation of the fertilizer that was applied prior to the rain. Late week cold temperatures created concerns for those with tree fruit and tender vegetables planted.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Corn planting was on hold this past week following a window of suitable conditions the week before that some farmers took advantage of. Waiting for an extended period of warmer, sunnier weather to get herbicide applications made.