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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures for the state were reported an average of 66(°F), with a high of 91(°F) and a low of 33(°F). Another warm and sunny week provided ideal conditions to catch up on plantings of corn, soybeans and oats. While ideal for field work, the dry weather has many hoping for rains. Apples, cherries and peaches appear to be in full bloom across Field activities included planting, tilling, and spreading/spraying of manure and fertilizer.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	35	62	2
SUBSOIL	0	19	80	1

### Crop Conditions as of May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	0	45	55
BARLEY	0	1	8	41	50
CHERRIES	0	0	0	33	67
OATS	0	1	5	80	14
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	4	18	65	13
PEACHES	0	0	0	43	57

### Crop Progress as of May 10, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
OATS: PLANTED	79	41	75	80
OATS: EMERGED	45	18	47	55
APPLES: PINK	60	0	78	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	48	0	66	91
CHERRIES: GREEN TIP	53	0	92	N/A
CHERRIES: FULL BLOOM	50	0	87	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	44	7	24	37
PEACHES: PINK	42	0	81	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	41	0	79	N/A
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	18	<5	6	13
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	82	60	55	N/A
TOBACCO: SEEDED	31	21	N/A	N/A
POTATOES: PLANTED	12	<5	29	43
BARLEY: HEADED	20	0	27	60

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## May 10, 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	86	44	66	+13	0.40	3	4.73	-0.32	21	166	+93	448
	Erie	87	49	67	+12	0.62	3	3.93	-0.46	19	198	+106	464
	Franklin_AG	90	45	68	+15	0.79	3	5.51	+0.73	21	210	+123	503
	Meadville-Port	86	52	69	+16	1.04	3	4.34	-0.15	18	241	+173	547
	Springboro	86	47	65	+13	1.13	4	4.42	+0.33	24	154	+85	408
	Titusville	88	39	64	+12	0.52	2	4.35	-0.65	14	137	+82	394
	Warren	89	41	66	+13	0.73	3	5.06	+0.16	21	169	+95	442
North Central	Bradford_Region	85	45	65	+14	0.74	3	5.37	+0.77	20	139	+94	385
	Coudersport_1SW	87	33	62	+11	0.60	2	5.68	+1.55	18	99	+40	322
	Kane	86	44	63	+14	0.68	2	5.10	+0.05	17	116	+86	343
	Laporte	82	45	63	+11	0.41	3	5.24	+0.64	21	131	+76	365
	Lock_Haven	90	44	66	+11	0.39	2	5.14	+0.75	16	208	+99	514
	Oswayo	86	43	63	+13	0.45	3	4.31	+0.21	20	117	+73	345
	Renovo	91	42	66	+10	0.77	2	5.44	+1.17	16	193	+76	491
	Ridgway	88	41	65	+14	0.49	2	4.73	-0.06	19	146	+100	408
	Stevenson_Dam	91	38	65	+12	0.72	2	5.66	+1.20	17	158	+86	429
	Towanda	89	41	65	+12	0.26	3	5.44	+1.25	20	155	+72	423
	Wellsboro	86	41	62	+12	0.53	2	4.76	+1.41	18	127	+82	370
	Williamsport_AP	88	47	68	+12	0.20	2	4.85	+0.17	16	264	+140	578
Northeast	Hawley	87	40	62	+10	0.30	2	3.68	-1.33	14	107	+54	359
	Milanville	88	41	64	+12	0.12	1	3.42	-1.59	17	142	+89	391
	Susquehanna	86	43	64	+11	0.12	1	5.11	-0.12	18	134	+59	393
	Wilkes-Barre	91	51	69	+13	0.14	2	3.32	-1.11	15	256	+139	565
West Central	Butler	87	40	66	+13	0.11	2	5.20	+0.41	19	201	+125	495
	New_Castle_Ag	87	43	68	+14	0.23	3	5.12	+0.76	21	239	+143	557
	Slippery_Rock	90	46	68	+16	0.07	2	4.22	-0.44	18	240	+182	547
Central	Altoona_AP	84	46	67	+11	0.28	2	3.69	-0.75	17	252	+129	570
	Du_Bois	89	52	69	+16	0.43	1	4.55	+0.06	17	257	+181	567
	Elizabethville	89	42	67	+11	0.37	2	4.25	-0.55	15	239	+125	562
	Lewistown	88	46	67	+11	0.36	2	3.65	-0.81	19	241	+103	567
	Middletown	86	51	69	+10	0.21	2	2.30	-2.41	13	327	+134	675
	Prince_Gallitzi	86	42	66	+12	0.15	2	4.02	-0.47	17	195	+113	490
	Selinsgrove_2S	87	44	66	+10	0.14	2	2.92	-1.88	16	200	+86	505
	State_College_P	86	51	67	+12	0.57	2	5.72	+1.46	18	223	+118	533
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	87	47	67	+11	0.02	1	1.97	-2.89	12	263	+144	588
	Lehighton	85	46	65	+11	0.04	2	3.26	-2.20	12	189	+105	487
	Mt_Pocono	81	45	63	+13	0.19	2	3.67	-2.12	17	144	+112	416
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	87	51	71	+16	0.29	2	4.84	+0.48	18	344	+244	686
	Chalk_Hill	86	44	67	+13	0.24	2	5.70	-1.04	20	225	+128	554
	Connellsville_A	91	45	70	+14	0.07	2	5.83	+0.71	20	278	+151	618
	Indiana_3SE	91	43	66	+10	0.48	2	6.10	+0.98	21	203	+87	515
	Meyersdale	83	37	62	+9	0.00	0	4.35	-1.14	18	135	+67	411
	Pittsburgh_Intl	88	50	70	+14	0.32	2	4.14	-0.01	18	330	+189	672
	Waynesburg	89	45	68	+13	0.12	1	6.37	+1.84	17	252	+142	577
South Central	Biglerville	86	51	68	+13	0.00	0	3.77	-1.26	12	280	+165	619
	Everett	85	35	63	+8	0.17	1	4.46	-0.12	17	159	+56	457
	Hanover	84	49	67	+9	0.00	0	2.26	-2.32	15	251	+64	588
	Harrisburg_AP	85	50	69	+10	0.26	2	3.49	-1.22	13	319	+126	659
	South_Mountain	80	49	65	+7	0.02	1	2.86	-2.67	15	188	-2	489
	York_AP	83	45	66	+8	0.00	0	2.14	-2.68	12	269	+79	595
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	84	47	67	+8	0.00	0	1.82	-3.58	10	252	+52	579
	Green_Lane	84	47	67	+11	0.01	1	2.23	-2.84	11	245	+121	574
	Hamburg	85	48	67	+10	0.12	2	3.35	-1.68	14	244	+108	563
	Lancaster_AP	84	48	67	+9	0.28	2	1.90	-2.72	14	266	+111	597
	Neshaminy_Falls	85	46	67	+10	0.00	0	3.47	-2.02	11	282	+130	622
	New_Holland	84	57	70	+14	0.24	2	1.91	-3.44	13	324	+197	677
	Philadelphia_AP	85	54	71	+11	0.03	1	3.67	-1.08	13	387	+168	758
	Philadelphia_NE	85	53	71	+14	0.00	0	3.37	-2.12	12	375	+223	739
	Reading_AP	86	50	69	+11	0.02	1	1.76	-3.31	11	302	+142	638
	Sellersville	83	40	66	+9	0.00	0	2.24	-3.43	12	220	+85	530
	West_Chester	85	44	67	+9	0.13	3	2.33	-2.78	15	242	+71	558

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 had a nice week of weather and good for field work. Most mornings were mid 50-60 degrees and daytime temperatures mid 70's- 80's. Most days had a significant amount of sunshine but Tuesday rain but no accumulation. We could use a little shower to get some of these crops started. Corn and soybeans are being planted in the county. Wheat, barley and small grains and forage crops are greening up and getting some height now. Producers are still applying fertilizer and getting some spraying done to start corn and soybean plantings. Some oats is still being seeded and other seedings earlier this spring are looking pretty good. Apple blossoms are pretty much full bloom and the other fruit blossoms have been out. If you need a pretty drive you need to drive through the fruit areas to see what the trees look like. The fruit growers however are always on the lookout for what could damage their crops like scab, rust, fire blight etc. Penn State Extension and Fruit Lab does a good job informing the producers of what they need to be applying and watching for. Strawberries are blooming and should have some in the county in a few weeks. Other vegetables are being planted and others are being harvested in high tunnels etc. Farmers markets are having local produce to enjoy. Overall the producers are very busy with multiple tasks going on at the same time. All producers working hard to get their crops planted so they can have a bountiful harvest.

### **ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr**

Excellent week for field work with temperatures in the upper 70's and little to no rain. Apples, Peaches, Cherries are all at full bloom or past bloom and weather was good during bloom. A lot of corn was planted this week with the majority of the full season corn being planted at this time.

### **BEAVER County, Luke Fritz**

Corn and Soybeans being planted, no significant rainfall for last few weeks, pasture grass and hay not growing very much yet.

### **CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little**

Beautiful week for working in the field. Activities ranged from spring tilling, spreading manure and fertilizer, planting oats, corn, and potatoes.

### **CENTRE County, Dick A Decker**

Good week for field work. Very active corn and soybean planting. 1/2 inch of rainfall for the week.

### **CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO/WARREN Counties, Tom Tanner**

Many acres were planted this past week of corn, soybean, oats, and new grass seedings.

### **COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum**

High Temp and wind drying out surface.

### **COLUMBIA/MONTOUR Counties, David W. Reedy**

Dry conditions continue so Columbia and Montour county could use some rain to make up for shortfalls. The winter precipitation deficit is most evident in the forage crops. Spring planting is back on track despite winter hanging on a little longer than usual. So far late frosts haven't been a factor on the orchards or strawberries but we are still in the statistical probability through labor day...we'll keep our fingers crossed for the best.

### **JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer**

A good week for many field activities. Corn and soybean planting is in full swing. Spreading of manure is continuing as well as spraying. Crops are looking good.

### **LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill**

Many Dairy farmers have been cutting ryelage. Considering the dry weather, yields look good for the most part. Many will be applying manure and planting corn on these fields later this week. Could really use a shower to even up germination and activate soil applied herbicides.

### **LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler**

Good week for field work but some rain would be welcome. Corn and soybeans continue to be planted. Rye was cut for forage.

### **MERCER County, Jim Rust**

All rainfall has passed us by. Rain storms have gone north and northeast in our county. We had 5 days this week over 80 degrees.

### **MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield**

Extremely busy with planting. No rain all week allowed planters and drills to go all week non-stop. Some farms finished planting corn already, soybean planting is progressing nicely as well. Soil conditions are getting dry, especially on tilled ground. Rain is needed to activate herbicides and help all crops, especially small grains and forages.

### **WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega**

Very hot, dry conditions for early May. Temperature near or at 90 degrees. Spring tillage and planting in full swing. Small grain being cut for haylage. Sweet corn planted under plastic for 3 weeks.

### **YORK County, John Rowehl**

Soil surface has gotten dry, particularly where tilled, to the point that soybean planting is questionable. Barley beginning to head.