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Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 5 days suitable for field work last week. Temperatures for the state were reported an average of 73(°F), with a high of 95(°F) and a low of 40(°F). Weather varied across the state, with some areas receiving large amounts of rainfall. Farmers spent time catching up on field work which was delayed due to wet weather. Both wrapped and dry hay making continued throughout the week. Aside from few reports of hail damage fruit crops continue to display bountiful progress. With corn and soybean planting almost complete, farmers focused on post spraying and side dressing.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 14, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	10	78	10
SUBSOIL	2	20	68	10

Crop Conditions as of June 14, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	2	1	44	53
BARLEY	0	5	18	46	31
CHERRIES	3	0	6	28	63
CORN	0	1	12	72	15
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	31	49	19
HAY, OTHER	0	5	19	52	24
OATS	2	1	12	67	18
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	3	28	47	17
PEACHES	1	1	2	42	54
POTATOES	0	0	88	11	1
SOYBEANS	0	3	15	69	13
TOBACCO	0	1	9	82	8
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	18	60	18

Crop Progress as of June 14, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	95	89	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	86	76	N/A	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	83	62	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	93	93	95	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	91	76	80	92
BARLEY: MATURE	29	0	<5	42
BARLEY: HARVESTED	7	N/A	0	18
CHERRIES: GREEN TIP	97	92	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES: FULL BLOOM	92	88	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES: PETAL FALL	81	69	N/A	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	97	90	80	85
CORN AVG HEIGHT	19	11	9	N/A
ALFALFA: 1st CUT	79	71	73	82
ALFALFA: 2nd CUT	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: 1st CUT	57	48	49	60
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	87	84	83	87
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	81	71	68	68
OATS: HEADED	27	11	32	38
PEACHES: PINK	94	90	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	91	87	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: PETAL FALL	85	81	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: FRUIT SET	75	62	N/A	N/A
POTATOES: PLANTED	92	90	89	N/A
TOBACCO	82	73	78	90
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	90	90	86	96
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	45	16	32	49

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June 14, 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	87	52	70	+6	1.26	7	10.07	-0.30	42	644	+201	1261
	Erie	90	60	71	+5	1.43	6	8.20	-0.52	35	727	+203	1333
	Franklin_AG	90	54	70	+5	1.03	5	11.15	+1.48	40	719	+226	1353
	Meadville-Port	86	58	71	+7	1.46	5	10.44	+1.31	34	768	+328	1411
	Springboro	87	53	68	+3	1.30	6	11.02	+2.29	44	589	+133	1172
	Titusville	88	52	68	+6	1.91	4	11.27	+1.28	28	548	+157	1147
	Warren	88	46	67	+3	1.46	6	10.10	+0.07	41	625	+168	1232
North Central	Bradford_Region	84	45	67	+7	2.91	6	10.43	+0.43	40	557	+228	1130
	Coudersport_1SW	86	44	66	+4	1.70	6	11.19	+1.75	37	495	+116	1043
	Kane	86	46	67	+8	1.27	6	10.14	-0.17	38	539	+265	1090
	Laporte	83	48	66	+4	1.86	5	10.14	+0.95	40	534	+161	1102
	Lock_Haven	90	53	72	+6	1.22	5	9.63	+0.50	30	789	+243	1442
	Oswayo	86	47	68	+7	2.16	6	8.96	+0.18	40	512	+181	1071
	Renovo	91	50	70	+5	1.63	7	11.85	+2.99	35	735	+173	1381
	Ridgway	87	49	68	+7	1.01	5	11.29	+1.28	38	595	+248	1190
	Stevenson_Dam	88	50	68	+4	1.98	5	12.96	+3.64	33	624	+173	1233
	Towanda	90	45	69	+4	1.17	5	10.53	+2.42	35	665	+189	1277
	Wellsboro	84	40	65	+5	1.06	6	9.78	+2.15	36	518	+187	1094
	Williamsport_AP	90	57	74	+8	1.18	4	9.23	-0.10	35	908	+323	1572
Northeast	Hawley	86	51	67	+5	1.68	5	8.56	-1.21	30	559	+183	1154
	Milanville	85	40	66	+4	0.96	3	6.94	-2.83	31	587	+211	1177
	Susquehanna	86	47	67	+4	1.66	4	9.05	-0.91	33	587	+152	1188
	Wilkes-Barre	90	54	72	+7	2.30	4	8.05	-0.74	28	889	+316	1547
	West Central	Butler	89	53	71	+7	0.48	3	8.22	-1.47	35	700	+241
New_Castle_Ag		92	56	73	+7	1.16	4	10.65	+1.98	38	810	+279	1475
Slippery_Rock		88	52	71	+8	0.96	6	8.48	-1.02	39	788	+386	1438
Central		Altoona_AP	89	56	73	+7	0.43	3	6.12	-2.81	32	833	+254
	Du_Bois	87	53	72	+8	2.10	7	8.73	-0.94	37	818	+367	1467
	Elizabethville	94	48	72	+5	1.75	4	8.94	-0.68	28	862	+293	1535
	Lewistown	92	52	72	+6	1.11	4	8.06	-1.43	34	853	+241	1528
	Middletown	92	60	76	+7	1.03	3	7.65	-2.25	25	1064	+321	1762
	Prince_Gallitzi	88	52	71	+7	1.40	5	8.49	-0.20	34	706	+234	1343
	Selinsgrove_2S	89	53	71	+5	2.85	4	9.30	-0.32	30	786	+217	1441
	State_College_P	88	52	71	+5	1.11	5	8.33	-0.53	36	773	+231	1428
	East Central	Allentown-Bethl	92	56	75	+8	1.49	5	6.30	-3.57	26	927	+335
Lehighton		86	54	70	+6	1.02	5	7.89	-3.11	28	723	+243	1371
Mt_Pocono		84	53	68	+8	1.20	4	8.99	-2.13	29	615	+320	1227
Southwest		Pittsburgh_Alle	89	58	75	+9	0.78	3	8.51	-0.39	35	967	+441
	Chalk_Hill	88	54	71	+8	1.06	3	9.81	-2.62	39	770	+291	1443
	Connellsville_A	91	54	73	+6	1.32	3	9.36	-0.69	36	885	+294	1572
	Indiana_3SE	88	47	70	+4	1.91	4	10.69	+0.21	38	695	+143	1348
	Meyersdale	86	45	68	+5	0.28	3	6.90	-3.71	35	574	+159	1184
	Pittsburgh_Intl	90	57	76	+9	0.66	2	6.96	-1.74	29	970	+345	1658
	Waynesburg	88	55	72	+6	1.12	3	9.36	+0.21	35	809	+258	1475
South Central	Biglerville	93	58	75	+8	1.04	2	8.97	-0.93	23	940	+362	1629
	Everett	90	48	69	+5	1.54	2	8.59	-0.49	32	639	+122	1272
	Hanover	91	55	74	+5	1.30	2	8.56	-0.39	29	889	+152	1576
	Harrisburg_AP	91	57	75	+6	1.53	3	9.20	-0.70	25	1015	+272	1705
	South_Mountain	86	53	70	+3	1.22	3	8.05	-3.33	30	706	-5	1353
	York_AP	91	54	74	+5	0.69	2	8.09	-1.76	23	909	+176	1585
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	92	58	75	+5	1.08	1	5.53	-4.85	20	877	+100	1554
	Green_Lane	90	57	74	+7	0.99	1	6.10	-3.56	19	869	+279	1548
	Hamburg	90	58	73	+6	1.64	3	8.79	-1.82	25	862	+227	1531
	Lancaster_AP	90	58	74	+6	1.18	3	6.07	-3.36	25	919	+247	1600
	Neshaminy_Falls	92	57	76	+7	0.79	3	7.46	-3.22	22	936	+262	1626
	New_Holland	92	59	76	+10	2.35	4	7.16	-3.40	27	1000	+412	1703
	Philadelphia_AP	95	64	79	+8	0.90	1	8.18	-0.69	23	1166	+344	1887
	Philadelphia_NE	93	61	78	+9	0.79	2	6.53	-4.15	21	1126	+452	1840
	Reading_AP	93	58	75	+7	1.88	3	6.36	-3.94	20	993	+302	1679
	Sellersville	90	55	73	+6	1.20	1	7.40	-3.29	19	786	+162	1446
	West_Chester	92	55	74	+6	0.86	1	6.50	-3.73	25	881	+188	1547

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 64 degrees and cloudy with very little sun. Thunderstorms with wind on Monday evening that caused some trees and buildings in the Littlestown area to come down and have damage to properties. York Springs had 1/2 inch of rainfall. Tuesday was 67 and cloudy with some showers early and daytime into the 80's. Wednesday was 59 and sunny blue sky and warmed to 84 degrees. Thursday was 72 morning temperature and hazy and hot and humid and daytime got to 94 degrees. Today started out 73 degrees and morning sunny but a little hazy. Temperatures today are to get into mid 90's and humid with chance of thunderstorms later today. Corn and soybeans continue to be planted this week where field conditions permitted. Most corn has been planted now since RMA final plant date of 6/10 has past. Soybeans continue to be planted after cover crop or forage crops harvested. Hay continues to be made some wrapped and some for dry hay. Haymaking is behind compared to other years. Barley and rye are ripening and changed colors and wheat is getting ready to start changing colors here next week. Fruit crops continue to grow. Some producers are watching to see what happens with the fruit that got hit by hail the last few weeks. The extent still isn't known from hail damage. Growers are concerned about other diseases since we had rainy start to June which affect the fruit crops. Vegetables are being harvested and strawberries are about finished in the county. Overall the producers are busy trying to do several jobs at one time since the spring weather has caused seasons to cross. Crops are looking pretty decent for now. Producers are reminded to visit their FSA offices to report their crops for harvest in 2015 by the respective deadlines.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Hot humid week with few showers. Good for corn and beans. Some hay chopped. Early reports of barley harvest were disappointing with yields only 60% of normal due to dry weather in May. Some concerns for wheat in the western part of the county as well. Short heads and shriveled kernels.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Recent rain showers have improved soil moisture conditions.

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Most area's need rain.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Heavy Winds and Rain Friday evening and scattered showers Sunday morning and evening. Crops were in need of rain at the beginning of the week but that changed by the end of the week. The rains were spotty at times but throughout the weekend it appeared most of the county received rain.

CENTRE County, Dick A Decker

Week of showers, 1.5 inches of rainfall in my gauge. Dry hay making has been difficult. Corn is growing nicely.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Great week for field work. Farmers catching up on work which was delayed due to wet weather. Corn and beans look good with uniform fields and good weed control in general. Tobacco plating is about finished with second cutting alfalfa starting next week.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

We are back into a rainy pattern again with a chance of storms every other day. The heat and moisture has helped everything grow quickly. Crops look much better than a few weeks ago. Hay making has been very challenging the past couple weeks, some made good dry hay by the weekend, but others choose not to cut because of wet soil conditions and the chance of rain. Still a lot of 1st cutting grass hay to be made and the weather still doesn't look favorable. Corn and soybean planting is mostly done, post spraying and side dressing have been occurring. Pumpkins were planted this week on many farms.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Much needed rain this past week. Combination of rain and hot weather has the corn and soybeans taking off.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Scattered showers and thunderstorms have resulted in variable amounts of rainfall across the area.