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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include a state average of 65(°F), a high of 82(°F) and a low of 32(°F). Dry and hot days leading to high quality Hay. Corn grain harvests continue showing the ill effect the lack of rain has had with varying fair to low yields. There were some rain showers. According to some producer corn and soybeans are drying down really fast. According to our reporters there has been shortages of harvest labor. The majority of field activities involved harvesting of apples, corn, vegetables, soybeans, corn for grain and silage, manure spreading and planting winter and cover crops.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 27, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	19	38	43	0
SUBSOIL	16	36	48	0

Crop Conditions as of September 27, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	3	44	52
CORN	1	8	22	39	30
HAY, ALFALFA	2	9	23	50	16
HAY, OTHER	10	10	21	47	12
PASTURE AND RANGE	15	31	29	15	10
SOYBEANS	1	8	22	54	15

Crop Progress as of September 27, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	67	66	63	70
BARLEY: PLANTED	61	53	48	48
BARLEY: EMERGED	51	45	32	19
CORN: DENTED	97	86	92	93
CORN: MATURE	74	62	52	60
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	24	17	8	15
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	89	81	66	73
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	96	94	95	96
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	75	68	69	76
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	90	85	84	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	53	48	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	85	75	75	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	20	<5	<5	7
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	51	24	29	26
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	19	6	12	6

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September 27, 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	78	43	61	+4	0.00	0	26.29	-0.74	91	2503	+363	4170
	Erie	77	48	64	+3	0.00	0	20.93	-1.84	68	2902	+354	4558
	Franklin_AG	80	44	62	+4	0.00	0	26.19	+0.72	81	2710	+352	4394
	Meadville-Port	78	44	63	+5	0.00	0	25.32	+1.27	74	2798	+614	4491
	Springboro	78	38	59	+2	0.00	0	24.13	+1.51	81	2331	+111	3964
	Titusville	80	40	61	+5	0.00	0	22.72	-2.67	59	2392	+412	4041
	Warren	79	37	61	+3	0.00	0	22.58	-2.45	81	2488	+235	4145
North Central	Bradford_Region	75	38	57	+3	0.00	0	20.42	-4.51	78	2142	+436	3765
	Coudersport_1SW	77	37	58	+3	0.00	0	25.86	+1.63	83	2081	+289	3677
	Kane	76	34	57	+4	0.00	0	23.73	-1.75	88	2121	+641	3721
	Laporte	74	43	56	+1	0.00	0	24.96	+3.16	85	2183	+236	3801
	Lock_Haven	80	47	62	+3	0.08	1	22.50	-1.03	63	2997	+494	4700
	Oswayo	77	32	57	+3	0.00	0	23.67	+0.37	84	2059	+308	3665
	Renovo	79	46	61	+2	0.03	1	23.99	+2.03	72	2794	+317	4490
	Ridgway	78	42	59	+4	0.00	0	30.32	+5.44	85	2339	+507	3984
	Stevenson_Dam	78	43	60	+2	0.00	0	28.00	+4.20	71	2490	+219	4149
	Towanda	78	43	58	0	0.01	1	23.69	+4.28	69	2632	+351	4294
	Wellsboro	74	41	56	+2	0.03	1	24.08	+4.44	77	2104	+343	3730
	Williamsport_AP	81	49	64	+5	0.02	1	25.42	+2.61	71	3230	+624	4944
	Northeast	Hawley	77	40	56	-1	0.00	0	21.34	-1.21	62	2324	+348
Milanville		79	41	58	+2	0.09	1	19.41	-3.01	69	2490	+514	4130
Susquehanna		77	43	58	+2	0.00	0	21.84	-1.28	78	2456	+351	4107
Wilkes-Barre		82	47	63	+4	0.03	2	17.99	-3.29	67	3201	+661	4909
West Central	Butler	79	46	62	+4	0.00	0	27.10	+2.97	83	2647	+424	4329
	New_Castle_Ag	84	46	63	+3	0.00	0	28.02	+5.79	81	2989	+501	4704
	Slippery_Rock	78	47	62	+5	0.00	0	25.65	+1.60	81	2848	+818	4548
Central	Altoona_AP	78	45	61	+2	0.14	1	20.95	+0.66	73	2907	+371	4616
	Du_Bois	78	46	62	+6	0.00	0	23.44	-0.52	78	2866	+730	4565
	Elizabethville	82	44	61	+1	0.07	1	21.94	-1.26	57	3154	+572	4877
	Lewistown	80	48	63	+3	0.15	1	23.26	+0.69	69	3124	+461	4849
	Middletown	82	53	65	+2	0.05	1	23.91	+2.24	59	3688	+591	5436
	Prince_Gallitzi	78	44	61	+4	0.05	2	23.58	+1.88	82	2685	+464	4372
	Selinsgrove_2S	81	48	62	+3	0.00	0	20.62	-2.58	63	3019	+437	4724
	State_College_P	77	48	60	+2	0.18	1	24.68	+3.26	80	2854	+418	4559
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	82	46	64	+4	0.00	0	20.76	-3.79	55	3351	+685	5076
	Lehighton	77	45	60	+2	0.04	1	28.61	+1.84	64	2736	+418	4434
	Mt_Pocono	74	44	59	+5	0.00	0	27.47	+1.39	64	2422	+713	4084
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	80	51	65	+6	0.00	0	25.39	+4.17	79	3246	+818	4983
	Chalk_Hill	78	47	61	+4	0.10	1	25.57	-3.32	95	2804	+666	4527
	Connellsville_A	82	48	63	+3	0.00	0	26.27	+2.10	84	3137	+535	4874
	Indiana_3SE	80	48	62	+2	0.03	1	29.26	+3.15	88	2649	+212	4352
	Meyersdale	76	40	57	-1	0.17	1	20.35	-3.24	81	2285	+227	3945
	Pittsburgh_Intl	81	51	66	+6	0.00	0	21.34	+0.13	64	3311	+623	5049
South Central	Waynesburg	81	45	62	+3	0.00	0	20.03	-1.92	74	2890	+410	4605
	Biglerville	78	52	63	+3	0.21	1	30.10	+6.90	54	3307	+662	5046
	Everett	79	43	59	-1	0.06	1	20.66	-0.13	75	2557	+169	4240
	Hanover	77	46	61	-3	0.25	1	24.59	+4.68	61	3202	+156	4939
	Harrisburg_AP	81	49	64	+2	0.06	1	24.94	+3.27	55	3545	+448	5285
	South_Mountain	74	46	59	-4	0.21	1	23.00	-2.91	67	2703	-139	4400
Southeast	York_AP	79	43	61	-3	0.12	1	27.41	+4.52	57	3212	+219	4938
	Doylestown_AG	80	48	64	-1	0.00	0	19.34	-6.23	51	3305	+107	5032
	Green_Lane	80	49	64	+4	0.00	0	20.67	-3.07	47	3279	+612	5008
	Hamburg	79	50	63	+3	0.02	1	28.59	+3.19	59	3189	+415	4908
	Lancaster_AP	80	48	64	+2	0.02	1	21.20	-2.12	56	3287	+381	5018
	Neshaminy_Falls	80	51	64	+1	0.00	0	21.01	-6.56	52	3415	+442	5155
	New_Holland	82	51	64	+4	0.01	1	21.33	-4.06	55	3521	+887	5274
	Philadelphia_AP	82	57	69	+4	0.00	0	22.68	+0.26	49	4118	+719	5889
	Philadelphia_NE	82	54	68	+6	0.00	0	17.25	10.32	52	3983	1010	5747
	Reading_AP	81	49	64	+3	0.00	0	21.06	-3.15	50	3508	+569	5244
Sellersville	Sellersville	81	45	63	+2	0.00	0	19.94	-6.64	48	3035	+270	4745
	West_Chester	80	46	64	+3	0.00	0	20.48	-4.70	56	3285	+346	5001

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 Behney

Adams County had another nice week of weather. Most mornings were in the 50's and daytime into the higher 70's and sunny. Tuesday evening we got some rain showers but no accumulation. Corn silage continues to be harvested with some yielding good tonnage and others with not many ears. All depends on when the corn was planted and where in the county. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested for grain. Some producers are saying that corn and soybeans are drying down quicker than they thought when they were checking moisture they were surprised. Early soybeans either have lost their leaves or are colored and ready to lose their leaves. Late soybeans are still green and producers are hoping to buy some more days of nice weather to take them to maturity. Decent yields are being reported for most corn and soybeans for grain. Barley and wheat are still being seeded after the corn and soybeans are harvested. New seedings of hay look pretty good but could use some moisture to keep it going. Hay continues to be baled in the county also as wet and also dry but takes longer as the dew is still on till lunchtime. Apples continue to be harvested with most growers having nice crops. Growers are hurting with lack of pickers to harvest their crop of apples across the county. Vegetables are still being harvested across the county also and pumpkins are readily available for fall decorating or cooking. Overall the producers are pretty busy in their fields harvesting and seeding for next year's crops.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Corn yields so far vary from 180 bu to less than 100 bu. Soybeans are yielding less than normal due to lack of moisture. The dry weather is helping apple harvest and it is now a week ahead of normal, and quality is good.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Apple harvest is in full swing. About 50% of the fresh market Golden Delicious have been harvested. Red Delicious harvest is underway, with most growers starting this coming week. Quality has been excellent. There have been reported shortages of harvest labor.

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Good week for harvesting and planting cover crops.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good outdoor work weather, Crops are drying down and soybean harvest should start in the next few weeks. I had 1/4" rainfall for the week.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Again no beneficial rain.

INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff

All the leaves on corn stalks are turning brown. Right now the moisture is between 25% to 30%. Just waiting for a frost to start shelling some and also going to pick some ears too. Done making hay. The may made this year was average. Second cutting was much better than the first. The soybean have most of the fallen off the stalks and are turning brown-golden brown. A frost will speed up the process for cutting the beans also. The forecast for this week looks like a chance of rain all week. Hope everyone has a safe farming week.

JUNIATA / SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

The dry soil conditions continue with the corn drying down to levels below 20%. Soybeans are slow at drying down; however, some are being harvested. The yields of harvested corn and soybeans are above average. Very good late season hay has been made. The main activities for the week were harvesting and haymaking.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

This past week saw many hay fields harvested with the dry hot days leading to high quality hay. Corn silage harvesting is progressing at a rapid rate. Soybean fields that are harvested look great with no fall ruts - dry fields make harvesting a little more joyful. Area feeder cattle prices have declined more than expected.

Potter County, Nicole L Santangelo

A busy week. With most the vegetable crops finished fall tillage and planting of winter cereal grains was full speed. Silage harvest is coming to a close and soybeans harvest will likely begin in the coming week, weather permitting.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Farmers have begun the shift from harvesting corn over to soybeans.