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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 3.0 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include an average state average of 58(°F), a high of 86(°F) and a low of 36(°F). Late rains finally arrived, halting field work but providing dry field crops with a needed soaking. Despite the drought, corn yields are expected to be high while soybeans appear likely to trail behind expectations. Apples of good quality continue to be harvested but are expected to finish soon. When weather permitted, field activities last week included corn harvesting and sowing cover crops and grain.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 4, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	13	72	10
SUBSOIL	6	16	73	5

Crop Conditions as of October 4, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	3	44	52
CORN	1	8	23	38	30
HAY, ALFALFA	2	9	23	50	16
HAY, OTHER	8	10	25	45	12
PASTURE AND RANGE	13	24	34	18	11
POTATOES	0	1	62	34	3
SOYBEANS	2	8	22	54	14

Crop Progress as of October 4, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	72	67	73	80
BARLEY: PLANTED	84	61	62	56
BARLEY: EMERGED	75	51	48	33
CORN: MATURE	88	74	75	74
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	32	24	14	22
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	93	89	76	80
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	78	75	80	82
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	92	90	89	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	59	53	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	88	85	85	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	33	20	11	14
POTATOES: HARVESTED	52	50	79	78
TOBACCO: STRIPPED	43	N/A	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	61	51	46	39
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	37	19	25	16

October 4, 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	74	41	55	+1	2.72	6	29.01	+1.08	97	2549	+367	4278
	Erie	77	44	59	0	0.86	5	21.79	-1.99	73	2966	+355	4692
	Franklin_AG	73	41	57	+1	3.14	6	29.33	+3.03	87	2763	+354	4512
	Meadville-Port	73	41	57	+2	1.76	5	27.08	+2.15	79	2852	+621	4612
	Springboro	73	41	56	0	1.25	6	25.38	+1.88	87	2379	+114	4075
	Titusville	73	39	56	+3	2.58	5	25.30	-1.01	64	2440	+422	4155
	Warren	74	41	55	-2	2.58	5	25.16	-0.72	86	2532	+230	4250
North Central	Bradford_Region	69	38	53	0	2.47	6	22.89	-2.87	84	2180	+446	3856
	Coudersport_1SW	71	37	51	-2	6.60	6	32.46	+7.41	89	2109	+286	3758
	Kane	69	39	52	+2	2.34	5	26.07	-0.26	93	2144	+644	3800
	Laporte	69	38	52	-2	2.55	5	27.51	+4.92	90	2221	+240	3886
	Lock_Haven	74	43	58	+1	1.94	5	24.44	+0.14	68	3057	+500	4825
	Oswayo	70	36	52	0	4.23	6	27.90	+3.76	90	2092	+313	3753
	Renovo	72	43	57	-1	2.78	4	26.77	+4.07	76	2847	+318	4608
	Ridgway	71	41	55	+3	2.67	6	32.99	+7.32	91	2887	+522	4093
	Stevenson_Dam	70	40	54	-2	3.94	5	31.94	+7.33	76	2531	+213	4250
	Towanda	75	42	56	0	1.39	3	25.08	+4.96	72	2680	+352	4405
	Wellsboro	67	38	51	-2	2.67	5	26.75	+6.44	82	2137	+344	3812
Williamsport_AP	77	45	60	+4	2.19	5	27.61	+3.99	76	3304	+642	5088	
Northeast	Hawley	76	40	57	+4	2.78	4	24.12	+0.78	66	2383	+371	4086
	Milanville	77	42	59	+6	3.00	3	22.41	-0.80	72	2555	+543	4263
	Susquehanna	74	41	56	+2	2.80	4	24.64	+0.71	82	2506	+361	4219
	Wilkes-Barre	79	45	60	+4	2.73	4	20.72	-1.37	71	3275	+681	5051
West Central	Butler	74	41	56	+2	2.64	6	29.74	+4.89	89	2700	+430	4444
	New_Castle_Ag	81	44	59	+2	2.83	5	30.85	+7.91	86	3054	+508	4837
	Slippery_Rock	73	41	56	+2	2.53	6	28.18	+3.39	87	2897	+824	4660
Central	Altoona_AP	71	42	57	-1	1.89	5	22.84	+1.89	78	2966	+372	4738
	Du_Bois	70	42	57	+3	6.92	6	30.36	+5.62	84	2922	+745	4686
	Elizabethville	79	43	62	+6	2.80	5	24.74	+0.72	62	3243	+607	5036
	Lewistown	74	45	59	+2	1.96	6	25.22	+1.90	75	3193	+472	4986
	Middletown	79	47	62	+3	2.98	4	26.89	+4.46	63	3776	+605	5594
	Prince_Gallitzi	71	40	56	+2	4.03	7	27.61	+5.19	89	2742	+476	4487
	Selinsgrove_2S	75	44	59	+2	2.30	6	22.92	-1.10	69	3085	+449	4855
State_College_P	71	42	56	0	2.32	6	27.00	+4.84	86	2906	+421	4672	
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	81	46	63	+6	3.21	3	23.97	-1.45	58	3444	+720	5238
	Lehighton	75	44	59	+4	1.95	6	30.56	+2.84	70	2800	+437	4565
	Mt_Pocono	73	41	57	+5	3.06	6	30.53	+3.45	70	2481	+746	4203
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	74	42	59	+3	3.43	6	28.82	+6.98	85	3312	+829	5116
	Chalk_Hill	72	43	57	+3	3.16	6	28.73	-1.10	101	2862	+679	4650
	Connellsville_A	75	45	60	+3	1.97	6	28.24	+3.35	90	3208	+546	5014
	Indiana_3SE	75	42	58	0	2.20	6	31.46	+4.53	94	2710	+215	4476
	Meyersdale	70	41	55	0	3.60	5	23.95	-0.40	86	2331	+231	4051
	Pittsburgh_Intl	76	44	60	+2	4.74	5	26.08	+4.28	69	3383	+632	5191
	Waynesburg	75	44	59	+3	2.97	5	23.00	+0.43	79	2961	+425	4744
South Central	Biglerville	76	45	60	+3	2.77	5	32.87	+8.73	59	3380	+678	5186
	Everett	71	38	56	-2	2.19	5	22.85	+1.36	80	2610	+170	4352
	Hanover	78	44	59	-2	3.39	5	27.98	+7.31	66	3275	+156	5077
	Harrisburg_AP	77	47	62	+3	3.10	6	28.04	+5.61	61	3632	+461	5442
	South_Mountain	74	40	56	-5	3.19	5	26.19	-0.74	72	2756	-156	4512
York_AP	79	46	61	+2	3.08	6	30.49	+6.76	63	3294	+228	5089	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	82	46	61	-1	3.39	4	22.73	-3.77	55	3385	+107	5180
	Green_Lane	80	46	61	+4	3.49	5	24.16	-0.43	52	3359	+631	5157
	Hamburg	78	45	60	+4	2.37	4	30.96	+4.60	63	3266	+433	5052
	Lancaster_AP	80	46	62	+3	3.56	5	24.76	+0.46	61	3371	+396	5171
	Neshaminy_Falls	83	45	62	+3	4.07	5	25.08	-3.45	57	3501	+456	5310
	New_Holland	80	44	60	+2	3.78	5	25.11	-1.32	60	3590	+895	5412
	Philadelphia_AP	85	50	65	+3	3.78	4	26.46	+3.28	53	4227	+737	6068
	Philadelphia_NE	86	50	66	+6	3.90	3	21.15	-7.38	55	4094	1049	5928
	Reading_AP	80	46	63	+4	2.31	4	23.37	-1.72	54	3600	+591	5405
	Sellersville	81	44	59	+1	3.64	6	23.58	-3.99	54	3108	+278	4884
	West_Chester	82	46	61	+3	3.36	5	23.84	-2.27	61	3368	+360	5152

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 a cooler morning temperatures last week with temperatures in the 50's and some days only mid 40's. Daytime temperatures also were cooler only 70's as a high if that most days. Tuesday night various amounts of rainfall was received in the county. York Springs area had 2.25 inches and other areas had 2 inches but some areas like New Chester only got around 0.7" of rainfall. Then again Thursday, Friday and Saturday the county received more rainfall. We are wet in the county which has slowed down the harvest and planting for field work. Beginning of the week producers could harvest corn and soybeans but not much later in some parts of the county that received more rain. Seeded on barley and wheat was slowed too with the wet weather. Some recent seeding are emerging now. Some sunshine is needed for all crops. Apple harvest continues with good yields being reported. The county had a wet weekend at the National Apple Harvest Festival so we invite everyone to attend the Festival this coming weekend to enjoy the Adams County Apples and even take home to enjoy later. Vegetables are still being harvested in the county but cooler mornings are starting to happen so the length of their growing season could be getting limited. Overall the producers are busy in the fields when conditions permit. They don't know when the first frost will be and want to get crops harvested as corn and soybeans are drying down.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Lots of rain this week halted field activities after mid-week. Apple harvest still continuing, with yields and quality nearly normal. Expect some smaller operations will finish this week.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Apple harvest continues to be in full swing with some disruptions from the recent rains. Golden Delicious are mostly harvested with Red Delicious harvest about 50% completed. The harvest of Empires and Jonagolds for the fresh market will conclude in the coming week. Quality and color is good with some sunburn present on Red varieties.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Wet week, Limited field work possible. 2.8 inches of rainfall in my gauge.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Received a total of 3.5" rain this past week. Stopped corn and soybean harvest, but was needed.

INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff

Well another week of cool fall weather. Had only .2 inches of rain Friday evening to Saturday lunch time. No more hay to be made. The corn leaves are still turning brown and the ears are dented and drying down. Should be around 25% right now. Waiting for a frost. Don't have a dryer. The soy beans have most of their leaves fallen off and are turning a nice brown / golden-brown. Depending what variety was planted. Waiting for a frost for them too. Hope everyone has a safe and happy farming week.

JUNIATA / SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Much needed rain arrived. Over three inches in the past week and it is still raining. Nearly all field activities came to a halt with the rain. Corn harvesting and sowing grain and cover crops were the main activities.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

A wet week put the brakes on harvest. Farmers hoping to be back in the fields in a day or two. Corn yields appear to be excellent in many areas of the county. Soybean yields are more average.

LEBANON, Charlene Ziegler

Rain was widespread this week. Although it was much needed, it also kept the farmers out of the fields.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

We received another 2.0 inches of rainfall Friday and Saturday. Many farmers are opening up fields of corn that are close to home base. Cover crops are growing rapidly with the past 2 weeks of over 4.0 inches of rainfall. The top producers used the dry weather in early Sept. for fertilizer and lime application in the pastures for a successful year in 2016.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Rain this week was great for new forage seedings but came at exactly the wrong time for soybean harvest. Continuing to get reports on excellent corn yields. Good reports on soybean yields so far.