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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of x.x days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include an average state average of 56(°F), a high of 80(°F) and a low of 31(°F).

Ideal weather for field work, especially with consideration to the much needed rain that appeared during the last two weeks. Corn silage harvests have neared completion while corn for grain harvests approach the halfway point. Soybean progress, while similar to grain corn has resulted in disappointing yields, likely caused by this summer's extended drought. Apple harvests continue, but have slowed due to a lack of available labor. Field activities included harvesting corn, soybeans and alfalfa, in addition to seeding winter wheat and fall crops

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 11, 2015

(in percent)

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

## Crop Conditions as of October 11, 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 11, 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
TOBACCO: STRIPPED	43	N/A	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	61	51	46	39
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	37	19	25	16

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## October 12, 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	38	55	+4	0.46	3	29.47	+0.80	100	2589	+378	4388	
	Erie	70	46	58	+3	0.06	3	21.85	-2.85	76	3026	+367	4822	
	Franklin_AG	73	38	57	+4	0.22	2	29.55	+2.53	89	2813	+368	4632	
	Meadville-Port	73	42	58	+6	0.24	2	27.32	+1.59	81	2908	+643	4738	
	Springboro	71	36	54	+2	0.10	2	25.48	+1.19	89	2410	+113	4175	
	Titusville	74	36	55	+5	0.31	2	25.61	-1.51	66	2473	+430	4258	
	Warren	70	37	56	+3	0.33	2	25.49	-1.16	88	2574	+236	4362	
North Central	Bradford_Region	68	33	53	+4	0.40	3	23.29	-3.20	87	2206	+453	3946	
	Coudersport_1SW	72	31	53	+3	0.29	2	32.75	+6.93	91	2137	+293	3851	
	Kane	68	31	51	+4	0.36	2	26.43	-0.67	95	2161	+647	3880	
	Laporte	69	39	53	+3	0.24	2	27.75	+4.42	92	2244	+240	3977	
	Lock_Haven	75	40	57	+4	0.32	1	24.76	-0.24	69	3111	+516	4949	
	Oswayo	71	37	54	+5	0.50	2	28.40	+3.52	92	2121	+323	3851	
	Renovo	71	39	56	+2	0.28	1	27.05	+3.70	77	2887	+320	4718	
	Ridgway	72	33	55	+5	0.34	2	33.33	+6.96	93	2425	+537	4199	
	Stevenson_Dam	71	38	55	+3	0.37	2	32.31	+6.97	78	2570	+219	4359	
	Towanda	68	37	54	+2	0.26	2	25.34	+4.59	74	2713	+352	4506	
	Wellsboro	69	37	53	+3	0.16	2	26.91	+6.00	84	2162	+346	3905	
	Williamsport_AP	74	41	59	+5	0.13	1	27.74	+3.40	77	3369	+668	5223	
Northeast	Hawley	72	33	52	+2	0.13	2	24.25	+0.21	68	2406	+370	4173	
	Milanville	70	33	53	+3	0.15	1	22.56	-1.35	73	2581	+545	4358	
	Susquehanna	67	36	53	+2	0.41	2	25.05	+0.35	84	2532	+360	4313	
	Wilkes-Barre	75	38	58	+4	0.18	1	20.90	-1.90	72	3334	+702	5180	
West Central	Butler	73	36	56	+4	0.33	1	30.07	+4.63	90	2744	+442	4558	
	New_Castle_Ag	80	39	58	+4	0.15	2	31.00	+7.47	88	3113	+525	4966	
	Slippery_Rock	74	38	57	+5	0.34	3	28.52	+3.08	90	2944	+840	4777	
Central	Altoona_AP	78	37	56	+2	0.27	1	23.11	+1.53	79	3016	+379	4855	
	Du_Bois	71	40	58	+6	0.31	2	30.67	+5.24	86	2978	+772	4812	
	Elizabethville	74	34	56	+2	0.40	1	25.14	+0.38	63	3287	+612	5148	
	Lewistown	76	40	58	+3	0.22	1	25.44	+1.42	76	3247	+484	5110	
	Middletown	79	43	61	+4	0.67	1	27.56	+4.43	64	3852	+625	5740	
	Prince_Gallitzi	74	34	53	+2	0.34	2	27.95	+4.94	91	2770	+473	4582	
	Selinsgrove_2S	74	38	57	+4	0.26	1	23.18	-1.58	70	3137	+462	4977	
	State_College_P	71	41	56	+4	0.17	2	27.17	+4.35	88	2951	+430	4787	
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	76	37	58	+4	0.40	1	24.37	-1.83	59	3504	+738	5368	
	Lehighton	70	37	54	+2	0.40	1	30.96	+2.33	71	2830	+435	4663	
	Mt_Pocono	70	34	53	+4	0.25	1	30.78	+2.83	71	2509	+756	4297	
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	75	40	60	+6	0.43	1	29.25	+6.90	86	3381	+858	5255	
	Chalk_Hill	75	39	57	+5	0.41	1	29.14	-1.53	102	2915	+699	4773	
	Connellsville_A	78	41	60	+6	0.62	1	28.86	+3.32	91	3276	+571	5152	
	Indiana_3SE	75	36	57	+3	0.66	2	32.12	+4.51	96	2759	+220	4595	
	Meyersdale	73	34	54	+3	0.89	2	24.84	-0.21	88	2368	+238	4153	
	Pittsburgh_Intl	76	40	61	+6	0.24	1	26.32	+4.02	70	3461	+663	5339	
	Waynesburg	79	37	59	+5	0.39	1	23.39	+0.26	80	3022	+445	4875	
South Central	Biglerville	80	39	58	+4	0.15	1	33.02	+8.07	60	3434	+691	5310	
	Everett	78	33	55	+2	0.25	1	23.10	+0.91	81	2651	+173	4459	
	Hanover	79	37	57	0	0.24	1	28.22	+6.85	67	3327	+154	5198	
	Harrisburg_AP	80	40	61	+4	0.41	1	28.45	+5.32	62	3708	+481	5588	
	South_Mountain	77	38	55	-3	0.30	1	26.49	-1.36	73	2799	-167	4620	
Southeast	York_AP	78	35	57	0	0.41	1	30.90	+6.44	64	3346	+226	5211	
	Doylestown_AG	78	38	57	-2	0.58	1	23.31	-3.98	56	3437	+97	5302	
	Green_Lane	77	39	58	+3	0.31	1	24.47	-0.89	53	3415	+642	5283	
	Hamburg	73	39	57	+3	0.32	1	31.28	+4.07	64	3320	+445	5176	
	Lancaster_AP	79	39	58	+2	0.17	1	24.93	-0.25	62	3431	+405	5301	
	Neshaminy_Falls	78	38	59	+2	0.18	1	25.26	-4.08	58	3564	+465	5443	
	New_Holland	80	42	60	+6	0.49	1	25.60	-1.78	61	3663	+922	5555	
	Philadelphia_AP	80	47	63	+3	0.29	1	26.75	+2.92	54	4318	+756	6229	
	Philadelphia_NE	80	41	62	+5	0.26	1	21.41	-7.93	56	4176	+1077	6080	
	Reading_AP	79	38	59	+3	0.25	1	23.62	-2.24	55	3666	+606	5541	
Sellersville	77	36	57	+1	0.40	1	23.98	-4.48	55	3157	+278	5003		
West_Chester	77	36	56	-1	0.68	1	24.52	-2.38	62	3409	+350	5263		

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 pretty nice week of weather. Morning temperatures were cooler but daytime got to 60's. Felt like Fall temperatures. The weekend was very nice weather but mornings started 39 degrees then daytime temperatures into the 70's and sunny. Some rainfall on Friday late afternoon about 1/2 inch that made the ground conditions smeary. Our fields are still a little soft to get through. Corn silage harvest is pretty much complete in the county. Corn for grain is still being harvested with some good yields and some not so good yields. All depended on when it was planted and weather conditions at critical times. Soybeans continue to be harvested. Decent yields are being reported. There is still a good many acres of corn and soybeans to be harvested in the county. Hay continues to be baled when conditions permit. Producers trying to harvest what hay they can since their season started late because of being too wet. Wheat continues to be seeded after corn and soybeans are harvested and some cover crop seeding also. Apple harvest continues in the county. Producers are experiencing lack of picking crews to get their apples harvested throughout the county. Nice crop and yields being reported. Vegetables are being harvested and hopefully will continue till first frost. Overall the producers are being kept busy with harvesting and seeding wheat now. They are hoping that weather conditions continue so they can complete harvest and also get decent yields.

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

Good progress on the apple harvest this week. Most are pleased with the size and quality of the crop. Corn harvest has slowed due to the rain last week and soybeans harvest is now looking better than it did several weeks ago. Fall grain and grass seedings are looking good at this time since we got some rain.

### **ADAMS County, Lee Showalter**

Apple harvest continues in full swing with Red Delicious about 70% harvested. There are approx. 10% of the Golden Delicious crop remaining to be harvested. The Jonagolds and Empire harvests were concluded this past week. Spot shortages of harvest labor exist slowing harvest for some growers. Color and overall quality of the apples is very good.

### **ALLEGHENY / BEAVER / BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz**

Soybean yields are disappointing.

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

Some of the activities this week include harvesting soybeans, corn, alfalfa and planting winter wheat.

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

Good week for fall field work. One rainy day. 1/4 inch in my gauge

### **INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff**

Well, this past Friday we had some much needed rain here in Brush Valley. Shown about .40" of an inch. We are done making hay for this year. Had the temp drop to 31 deg on Saturday and Sunday night. Just a real light frost. The corn is drying down enough for picking. Less than 20% now, but not enough to shell. We have no dryer. Cur some soy beans this past week. Average yield. Beans are really small in size. Hope to pick some more corn this week and also cut more soybeans. Still could use some more rain. The ground is still dry and the streams and creeks are really low. Hope everyone has a safe farming week!

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

A light shower on Friday afternoon slowed the field activities. The harvesting of corn and soybeans continues with favorable yields. The recent rains have been a benefit to the fall seeded crops. The main activities for the week were harvesting corn and soybeans, and seeding fall crops, and cover crops.

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

Corn Yields continue to be exceptional in many areas of the county. Tobacco harvest is mostly finished. Small grain and cover crop planting continues this week.

### **LEBANON, Charlene Ziegler**

There were some nice days and some days with rain this week. One storm that hit southern Lebanon County had high winds that caused some damage. Manure was hauled out of manure pits this week. Soybeans continue to be harvested - moisture percentage permitting. As crops are harvested, cover crops are planted.

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

Excellent week for field work and farm related projects. Time to put farm machinery in storage for the winter that is no longer needed in the field.