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# Crop Progress & Condition



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## Pennsylvania Monthly Crop Weather – April 3rd, 2016:

Much of Pennsylvania experienced brisk weather as March gave way to April this past weekend. Weeks of warm sunny weather with temperatures in the 70s and 80s gave way to chilly (but still mostly-sunny) conditions over the weekend with temperatures dropping to the mid-30s and 40s accompanied by some cold, but welcome, rains. The resulting high temperature for Pennsylvania last week was a whopping 81°F trailed by an astounding low of 15°F with an average temperature settling in at 48°F

Despite clear and favorable weather providing ideal conditions for seeding and fieldwork, fields are dry and in need of rain. Fruit, such as apples, peaches, cherries and plums are blooming nicely but could also benefit from some seasonal rainfall. While hopeful for needed rains, few are squandering the opportunity to seed oats and alfalfa, spray manure and fertilizer and otherwise keep busy with various field activities.

## Crop Progress as of April 3, 2016 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CHERRIES: GREEN TIP	8	N/A	0	0
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	11	N/A	<5	N/A
OATS: PLANTED	14	N/A	0	10

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 3, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	6	63	30
SUBSOIL	1	7	70	22

## Crop Conditions as of April 3, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	24	43	18	10

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### April 3, 2016 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2016					
		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	21	45	+5	0.99	5	0.56	+0.20	3	10	+10	30
	Erie	72	26	47	+6	1.08	6	0.39	+0.06	3	9	+9	23
	Franklin_AG	75	22	46	+5	1.85	5	1.08	+0.73	3	10	+10	29
	Meadville-Port	72	18	45	+5	1.19	6	0.55	+0.22	3	6	+6	19
	Springboro	73	22	44	+5	1.51	6	0.49	+0.20	3	9	+9	22
	Titusville	74	18	44	+6	1.84	5	1.03	+0.67	3	10	+10	28
	Warren	68	20	45	+5	1.70	6	1.11	+0.75	3	9	+9	27
North Central	Bradford_Region	66	17	45	+7	1.43	6	0.87	+0.51	3	8	+8	25
	Coudersport_1SW	70	17	42	+4	1.13	5	0.79	+0.49	3	10	+10	30
	Kane	67	19	43	+7	1.47	5	0.70	+0.31	3	9	+9	28
	Laporte	64	18	42	+3	1.21	4	0.69	+0.36	2	6	+6	26
	Lock_Haven	71	24	47	+5	0.39	3	0.25	-0.08	2	16	+16	37
	Oswayo	68	15	42	+4	1.00	5	0.62	+0.32	3	9	+9	27
	Renovo	71	23	46	+4	0.74	5	0.37	+0.04	3	13	+13	33
	Ridgway	69	19	45	+7	0.77	4	0.58	+0.24	3	15	+15	35
	Stevenson_Dam	70	21	44	+5	0.83	3	0.23	-0.12	2	8	+8	28
	Towanda	71	22	46	+5	0.90	3	0.71	+0.41	2	17	+17	37
	Wellsboro	67	16	42	+5	0.81	5	0.43	+0.19	3	7	+7	27
	Williamsport_AP	73	24	51	+9	0.54	2	0.20	-0.13	1	26	+26	49
Northeast	Hawley	73	20	46	+7	0.92	4	0.37	+0.02	2	18	+18	40
	Milanville	74	22	47	+8	0.71	3	0.27	-0.08	1	17	+17	38
	Susquehanna	70	22	45	+6	1.08	4	0.50	+0.11	2	13	+13	33
	Wilkes-Barre	73	25	50	+7	0.76	3	0.35	+0.05	1	25	+25	47
West Central	Butler	74	22	47	+6	0.73	5	0.41	+0.08	3	15	+15	35
	New_Castle_Ag	78	25	48	+7	1.44	5	0.81	+0.49	3	12	+12	32
	Slippery_Rock	74	21	46	+6	1.15	5	0.73	+0.37	3	11	+11	30
Central	Altoona_AP	69	23	50	+7	0.49	4	0.34	+0.02	3	20	+20	40
	Du_Bois	66	18	47	+7	0.79	5	0.53	+0.17	3	9	+9	28
	Elizabethville	74	22	47	+5	0.93	3	0.28	-0.08	2	18	+18	40
	Lewistown	73	27	49	+5	0.98	4	0.54	+0.21	2	18	+18	41
	Middletown	80	29	54	+8	0.62	4	0.15	-0.18	2	34	+30	60
	Prince_Gallitzi	70	18	47	+6	0.72	5	0.34	+0.01	3	13	+13	33
	Selinsgrove_2S	73	24	48	+5	0.85	4	0.20	-0.16	2	18	+18	40
	State_College_P	68	23	48	+6	0.19	3	0.01	-0.32	1	17	+17	37
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	80	25	53	+10	0.61	4	0.18	-0.15	2	33	+33	58
	Lehighton	77	25	48	+7	0.63	4	0.22	-0.17	2	18	+18	42
	Mt_Pocono	68	21	45	+8	0.60	4	0.24	-0.18	2	15	+15	35
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	75	25	52	+10	0.53	4	0.15	-0.15	2	19	+19	39
	Connellsville_A	78	27	51	+7	0.93	5	0.44	+0.08	3	17	+17	37
	Indiana_3SE	74	23	48	+4	0.58	4	0.21	-0.18	2	14	+14	34
	Meyersdale	69	21	46	+6	0.71	5	0.34	-0.04	3	10	+10	30
	Pittsburgh_Intl	76	25	52	+8	0.75	4	0.26	-0.04	2	18	+18	38
	Uniontown	78	25	50	+5	0.77	5	0.33	+0.00	3	15	+15	35
	Waynesburg	76	26	49	+6	0.55	2	0.23	-0.10	1	18	+18	38
South Central	Biglerville	79	28	51	+8	0.71	4	0.09	-0.27	2	22	+22	46
	Everett	72	22	47	+4	0.24	4	0.13	-0.19	2	17	+17	37
	Hanover	80	25	50	+4	0.70	4	0.24	-0.11	2	25	+22	51
	Harrisburg_AP	81	27	54	+8	0.56	4	0.09	-0.24	2	35	+31	61
	South_Mountain	73	24	48	+2	0.04	2	0.04	-0.35	2	19	+16	41
	York_AP	79	21	53	+7	0.59	4	0.13	-0.23	2	31	+28	57
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	78	27	51	+5	0.58	4	0.23	-0.16	2	26	+22	52
	Green_Lane	78	27	51	+7	1.07	4	0.53	+0.17	2	26	+26	51
	Hamburg	78	28	50	+5	0.51	3	0.11	-0.23	1	19	+19	43
	Lancaster_AP	79	24	52	+6	0.71	4	0.19	-0.14	2	30	+28	55
	Neshaminy_Falls	79	28	53	+7	0.68	3	0.30	-0.09	2	26	+24	48
	New_Holland	80	29	51	+7	0.90	3	0.51	+0.15	2	19	+19	39
	Philadelphia_AP	80	36	57	+9	0.65	4	0.19	-0.17	2	35	+29	63
	Philadelphia_NE	80	30	56	+10	0.48	4	0.17	-0.22	2	35	+33	64
	Reading_AP	81	26	54	+8	0.58	4	0.20	-0.16	2	33	+31	58
	Sellersville	78	25	50	+5	1.12	4	0.55	+0.16	2	22	+22	47
	West_Chester	78	24	50	+5	0.97	3	0.43	+0.05	2	21	+18	47

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 nice week of weather. Most days in the 50-60's and most days had windy conditions. Producers are planting oats and new hay seedings when conditions permit. Other field preparation is being done for spring planting. Manure and fertilizers are being applied. At this time most grain and forage crops are looking pretty good. Fruit crops like apricots, plums and cherries are starting to bloom and more warm temperatures will push them more. Producers are closely watching amount of rainfall we receive because it will be critical of scab conditions and spraying will need to be done. Producers busy preparing their equipment and getting things in line for when the soil temperatures warm to get their spring plantings started.

### **ADAMS / FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr**

Manure and fertilizer hauling, seeding alfalfa, planting oats was the activity of the week. No damage to the fruit yet.

### **LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson**

Still a little early here in the Northeast, but the warmer weather so far this year has allowed for some early tillage in advance of corn planting, several farms getting a jump start on planting oats/seedings, and most animal operations taking advantage of the dryer weather to spread some manure.

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

Small grains and cover crops are really growing fast. Alfalfa being seeded. Some concerns with worked ground drying out on top and affecting uniform alfalfa germination.

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

Temperatures have been variable in Lebanon County. There has been very little precipitation. Manure was hauled this week from both manure pits and pen pack. Cover crops look good. Some fields were worked.

### **MERCER County, James P. Rust**

Most of the dealership open houses are over for the spring and the "free lunches" are hard to find. Many hay fields have been "spring" fertilized and the general discussion has been the dryness in the fields for spring.

### **UNION County, Glenn L. Spangler**

Field work consisted of fertilizer application, manure hauling, and some spraying burndown herbicides for no-till crops.

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

Up and down temperatures. Hard to make any progress with anything. Could use some moisture--getting a little dry.

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

Topdressing and spraying small grains continues. Have heard reports of timothy (cereal rust) mite infestations. Weeds and cover crops being "burned down" in preparation for planting.