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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – April 30<sup>rd</sup>, 2017:

Pennsylvania had another fair week for field activities with an average of 4 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 88° (F), a low of 25° (F) and a state average temperature of 60° (F). Temperatures increased slightly and there was rain on and off all week. Wheat and barley and other small grains are really growing and some are in heads. Field activities for the week included: corn planting, forage chopped and mowed, spraying and some tilling.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 30, 2017 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	1	87	12
SUBSOIL	0	11	81	8

### Crop Conditions as of April 30, 2017 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	0	99	1
BARLEY	0	0	0	61	39
CHERRIES	0	0	4	96	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	6	3	22	57	12
PEACHES	0	0	0	100	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	16	64	20

## Crop Progress as of April 30, 2017 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: GREEN TIP	94	88	N/A	N/A
APPLES: PINK	89	69	83	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	84	40	27	N/A
CHERRIES: GREEN TIP	97	90	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES: GREEN TIP	91	81	94	N/A
CHERRIES: FULL BLOOM	81	71	68	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	9	6	31	17
OATS: PLANTED	80	60	87	67
OATS: EMERGED	58	19	49	35
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	96	89	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: PINK	90	79	90	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	77	67	74	N/A
PEACHES: PETAL FALL	63	N/A	N/A	N/A
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	71	63	81	N/A

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## April 30, 2017 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	83	30	58	+8	0.86	4	3.72	-0.01	15	141	+112	378
	Erie	84	36	58	+7	0.44	5	3.34	+0.07	14	166	+126	400
	Franklin_AG	84	34	59	+8	0.68	4	3.75	+0.27	16	172	+133	408
	Meadville-Port	81	41	60	+10	0.85	4	4.73	+1.45	15	205	+179	446
	Springboro	80	32	56	+6	0.26	5	3.70	+0.63	17	136	+110	359
	Titusville	83	32	57	+8	0.41	4	4.09	+0.42	13	119	+101	355
	Warren	81	32	58	+8	0.41	4	4.45	+0.86	15	142	+112	370
North Central	Bradford_Region	78	32	58	+10	0.35	5	4.48	+1.11	15	141	+127	357
	Coudersport_1SW	77	28	56	+7	0.18	5	3.57	+0.55	16	81	+59	286
	Kane	79	27	55	+9	0.62	4	4.73	+1.02	14	99	+93	305
	Laporte	71	37	56	+7	0.15	3	5.46	+2.07	13	101	+80	310
	Lock_Haven	79	35	60	+7	0.70	4	3.06	-0.12	16	202	+150	451
	Oswayo	76	27	55	+7	0.12	4	4.46	+1.46	12	76	+63	277
	Renovo	79	37	61	+8	0.44	6	3.67	+0.51	18	194	+136	439
	Ridgway	80	33	58	+10	0.54	4	5.68	+2.21	12	133	+118	362
	Stevenson_Dam	76	31	58	+8	0.11	2	2.41	-0.84	7	127	+99	357
	Towanda	80	34	60	+9	0.20	4	4.48	+1.40	15	173	+136	407
	Wellsboro	74	31	57	+9	0.21	3	4.00	+1.56	13	107	+93	322
Williamsport_AP	80	39	63	+9	0.34	4	3.74	+0.35	16	254	+193	512	
Northeast	Hawley	82	31	58	+8	0.23	3	3.79	+0.15	15	115	+96	344
	Milanville	87	34	61	+11	0.30	4	4.24	+0.60	15	147	+128	383
	Pleasant_Mount	76	39	57	+11	0.22	3	5.05	+0.99	13	96	+94	286
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	80	43	63	+10	0.09	2	2.90	-0.29	13	242	+186	490
West Central	Butler	80	31	57	+6	1.16	5	3.96	+0.57	15	151	+119	394
	New_Castle_Ag	83	37	61	+9	1.05	5	3.89	+0.70	13	218	+176	469
	Slippery_Rock	80	30	57	+8	1.05	5	4.03	+0.69	14	153	+132	387
Central	Altoona_AP	81	41	62	+8	0.53	5	2.27	-0.87	17	258	+196	512
	Du_Bois	77	39	59	+8	0.63	5	2.74	-0.52	15	189	+158	432
	Elizabethville	80	36	60	+7	0.66	6	2.72	-0.76	15	210	+154	461
	Lewistown	81	34	61	+7	0.92	4	2.60	-0.53	15	220	+148	481
	Middletown	85	46	64	+8	0.73	4	3.40	+0.18	11	276	+166	548
	Prince_Gallitzi	78	25	58	+7	0.42	6	2.61	-0.58	18	153	+117	376
	Selinsgrove_2S	81	33	60	+7	0.47	3	3.04	-0.44	13	201	+145	449
	State_College_P	75	41	59	+6	1.08	6	3.43	+0.38	18	205	+155	457
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	82	41	63	+10	0.44	3	2.67	-0.72	11	246	+188	509
	Lehighton	81	45	61	+9	0.40	3	3.10	-0.77	13	188	+154	437
	Mt_Pocono	76	33	56	+8	0.50	3	4.05	-0.11	13	114	+105	333
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	81	47	62	+10	0.60	5	3.60	+0.57	17	282	+236	539
	Connellsville_A	77	35	60	+7	0.69	4	4.41	+0.79	17	231	+166	479
	Grays_Landing	82	35	59	+3	0.70	5	4.53	+0.94	19	211	+93	460
	Indiana_3SE	83	32	59	+6	0.81	5	3.98	+0.35	16	177	+120	422
	Meyersdale	82	32	58	+8	1.15	5	3.71	-0.15	19	145	+118	373
	Pittsburgh_Intl	81	45	62	+8	1.21	5	3.45	+0.53	14	276	+201	533
	Waynesburg	82	36	59	+6	0.82	5	3.89	+0.74	16	194	+140	440
South Central	Biglerville	85	47	62	+9	0.64	4	2.74	-0.80	11	257	+202	522
	Everett	82	33	60	+7	0.89	5	2.59	-0.71	15	168	+119	410
	Hanover	84	43	62	+6	0.59	5	3.70	+0.44	18	246	+141	502
	Harrisburg_AP	84	44	64	+8	0.73	4	3.18	-0.04	12	301	+191	572
	South_Mountain	82	38	59	+3	0.98	6	3.44	-0.41	16	225	+115	473
Southeast	York_AP	84	46	63	+7	0.57	6	2.54	-0.87	15	257	+149	515
	Doylestown_AG	88	48	65	+8	0.65	3	2.66	-1.08	13	285	+171	565
	Hamburg	82	43	62	+8	0.56	3	3.65	+0.18	12	222	+154	482
	Lancaster_AP	83	47	63	+8	0.77	4	3.65	+0.46	13	255	+172	518
	Neshaminy_Falls	86	46	63	+8	1.28	3	3.56	-0.28	8	225	+142	505
	New_Holland	84	48	65	+11	1.14	5	3.30	-0.40	14	262	+198	537
	Philadelphia_AP	88	49	65	+8	0.70	4	3.15	-0.22	12	310	+186	590
	Philadelphia_NE	87	49	65	+10	0.83	4	2.71	-1.13	11	299	+216	578
	Pottstown	83	42	62	+8	0.52	3	2.30	-1.28	12	235	+173	499
	Reading_AP	83	46	64	+9	0.44	3	2.02	-1.55	13	275	+190	541
Sellersville	83	42	62	+7	1.13	3	2.84	-1.13	13	197	+128	451	
West_Chester	86	48	63	+7	1.20	3	3.13	-0.44	11	257	+162	522	

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 had a pretty cloudy, rainy week other than Wednesday and today. Most days had showers but not a lot of accumulation maybe totaled 3/4 inch all week. Temperatures were 50-60's most days but 70's Thursday and today and Saturday are to be 80's. Corn and soybean planting has not started yet due to soil conditions. Wheat and barley and other small grains are really growing and some are in heads. Some forage will be chopped today and weekend that was mowed yesterday. Hay field continue to also grow in height also. Fruit growers are busy with spraying schedules due to the weather conditions we have been having. Overall things looking pretty good for the Spring but producers usually have some corn and soybeans planted by end of April but too wet to do so this year. They are ready to roll into fields when conditions permit.

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

Fruit now past full bloom and crop looks to be in fine shape. Pasture growing well. Saw some early barley in head this week.

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

Showers limited field activity, but some time was available on most days for field tasks. Total of 1 inch of rainfall. Corn planting underway, maybe 10% complete.

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

Light showers have been a benefit to the recently planted grains. The alfalfa weevil are a problem in some area and will require spraying. The main activities for the week were spreading manure, planting and field preparation for spring planting.

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

1.5 inch of rainfall this weekend. Soil temperature is excellent for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Off and on light rain has prevented planting of corn and soybeans since top soil moisture is slightly damp for proper seed soil contact. Some burndown herbicide applications applied.

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

Temperatures well above normal for the week with precipitation scattered. Some areas dry, some areas very wet. Spring tillage and spraying progressing.

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

Damp weather holding up corn planting. Fertilizer and manure spreading active. Barley heading out.