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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – April 3rd, 2017:

Pennsylvania had another fair week for field activities with an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 64°(F), a low of 15°(F) and a state average temperature of 34°(F). Warmer weather conditions slowly continue to increase as expected at this time of the month, plums are starting to bloom slowly, in some areas. Fields are wet from the snow melting and some rain last week. Fruit trees are greening up and starting to open their buds flowering. Very little field activity for the week due to a combination of cool temperatures and wet soil, some spaying of wheat fields and manure spreading.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 2, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	32	68
SUBSOIL	0	0	50	50

Crop Conditions as of April 2, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	0	100	0	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	33	67	0

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April 2, 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	65	28	47	+7	2.13	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	Erie	68	34	45	+4	2.33	6	0.03	-0.08	1	0	0	0
	Franklin_AG	64	29	46	+5	1.94	6	0.01	-0.11	1	0	0	0
	Meadville-Port	67	30	46	+6	1.75	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	Springboro	68	28	45	+5	1.98	7	0.02	-0.08	1	0	0	0
	Titusville	64	27	46	+8	1.98	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	Warren	64	30	44	+4	1.84	6	0.02	-0.10	1	0	0	0
North Central	Bradford_Region	59	30	41	+3	1.86	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	Coudersport_ISW	61	27	41	+3	2.17	6	0.01	-0.09	1	0	0	0
	Kane	61	30	42	+6	2.09	4	0.00	-0.13	0	0	0	0
	Laporte	54	24	35	-4	1.55	4	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	Lock_Haven	57	31	43	+1	1.55	6	0.02	-0.09	1	0	0	0
	Oswayo	60	25	40	+2	2.03	4	0.00	-0.10	0	0	0	0
	Renovo	69	32	45	+2	1.80	6	0.01	-0.10	1	0	0	0
	Ridgway	64	33	45	+7	2.38	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	Stevenson_Dam	66	30	43	+3	1.05	2	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	Towanda	64	29	41	0	1.36	6	0.01	-0.09	1	0	0	0
	Wellsboro	62	28	39	+2	1.92	4	0.00	-0.08	0	0	0	0
	Williamsport_AP	60	34	45	+2	1.46	4	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	1
Northeast	Hawley	57	25	38	-1	2.05	5	0.04	-0.08	1	0	0	0
	Milanville	51	25	39	0	1.47	4	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	2
	Pleasant_Mount	52	23	35	0	1.66	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	0	0
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	58	29	42	-1	1.60	6	0.01	-0.09	1	0	0	0
West Central	Butler	66	28	48	+7	2.49	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	New_Castle_Ag	70	31	51	+9	1.80	4	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	Slippery_Rock	66	27	47	+7	1.94	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
Central	Altoona_AP	71	35	48	+4	1.51	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	1
	Du_Bois	63	31	44	+3	2.23	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	Elizabethville	63	32	44	+1	1.23	4	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	Lewistown	67	38	46	+2	0.97	4	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	3
	Middletown	60	38	47	0	1.47	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	-1	5
	Prince_Gallitzi	69	28	44	+3	1.30	3	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	Selinsgrove_2S	59	29	43	0	1.04	4	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	0
	State_College_P	67	36	45	+3	1.77	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	1
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	59	32	44	0	2.50	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	3
	Lehighton	54	32	42	+1	1.88	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	0	1
	Mt_Pocono	56	27	37	0	1.61	5	0.00	-0.14	0	0	0	0
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	69	34	52	+9	1.95	5	0.00	-0.10	0	0	0	0
	Connellsville_A	70	33	52	+7	2.14	6	0.06	-0.06	1	0	0	0
	Grays_Landing	70	31	52	+5	1.95	6	0.02	-0.10	1	0	-2	0
	Indiana_3SE	69	30	49	+5	2.06	4	0.00	-0.13	0	0	0	0
	Meyersdale	67	29	46	+6	1.81	6	0.01	-0.12	1	0	0	0
	Pittsburgh_Intl	68	31	52	+7	2.08	5	0.00	-0.10	0	0	0	0
	Waynesburg	70	30	52	+8	1.88	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
South Central	Biglerville	68	34	46	+3	0.96	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	5
	Everett	70	34	48	+5	1.31	4	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	0
	Hanover	69	31	46	0	2.03	6	0.02	-0.10	1	0	-1	1
	Harrisburg_AP	61	38	48	+1	1.09	4	0.00	-0.11	0	0	-1	6
	South_Mountain	72	27	47	+1	1.28	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	-1	0
	York_AP	68	29	46	-1	1.96	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	-1	1
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	62	37	47	0	2.20	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	-1	7
	Hamburg	57	36	43	-2	2.14	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	0	3
	Lancaster_AP	60	34	46	0	1.60	5	0.00	-0.11	0	0	-1	4
	Neshaminy_Falls	62	30	45	-1	2.55	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	-1	10
	New_Holland	60	34	48	+3	1.80	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	6
	Philadelphia_AP	62	37	48	0	2.18	4	0.00	-0.12	0	0	-2	7
	Philadelphia_NE	63	34	47	+1	1.99	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	-1	7
	Pottstown	58	31	44	0	2.41	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	0	4
	Reading_AP	60	35	45	-1	1.98	5	0.00	-0.12	0	0	-1	3
	Sellersville	58	30	43	-2	2.35	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	0	1
	West_Chester	63	30	45	-1	2.62	5	0.00	-0.13	0	0	-1	3

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 is pretty wet with showers throughout the week. Today we are to get 1-2 inches which will cause ponding/flooding. Not much sunshine during the week until some late afternoons just for a little. Most days were 50's and nighttime was 35 Wednesday. The producers have not been in the fields at all this week. In their shops preparing equipment for future fieldwork. We could use some sun and warmer temperatures. Things are greening up and fruit trees are now starting to open their buds flowering.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Plums and apricots are showing some scattered bloom, but too early to determine what the other fruit crop will be like. Showers held back any field work. General rain Friday was welcome.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Time for some fence row brush cutting, preparing machinery for use when the weather breaks. 1 inch of rainfall for the week.

COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum

FREQUENT RAIN AND CLOUDY CONDITIONS MADE WET FIELDS TO WET FOR ANY OPERATION.

COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MONTOUR Counties, C. John Esslinger

Tree fruit pruning continues.

DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bosak

Dauphin and Perry Counties With the precipitation from this past week, most fields were not fit for fieldwork especially in low lying areas near creeks and streams. Winter annual weeds are rapidly growing and have begun flowering in corn fields. Forsythia and spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) is in bud or flower at lower elevations

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

The winter crops are beginning to show new life. However, so is the chickweed, henbit and others. Rainfall in the range of one inch so far seems to be the norm.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Snow melt and spring rains have the ground saturated to its capacity

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

The county is several inches behind would benefit from predicted rains this coming week. Tobacco Farmers are especially looking for some wet humid weather in order to bring the crop down from the barns into their cellars and stripping rooms to begin stepping the leaves.

MERCER, County, James P. Rust

2.8 inches of rainfall this week. No field work being done

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Rain continues to prevent most field activity. Over 2" of rain fell last week with another inch or two coming this week will not allow any field work to be done. Small grains and cover crops look good.

UNION County, James C. Brubaker

Spring is coming and cover crop has come through the winter in good shape

UNION County, Glenn L. Spangler

Very little field work done due to a combination of cool temperatures and wet soil conditions. Minor spraying of wheat fields and manure spreading

SUMERSET County, Dale Kriner

Extremely wet fields with more rain forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Wheat is taking off. Earlier planted fields are at or beginning to reach jointing stage.