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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 91° (F), a low of 46° (F) and a state average temperature of 71.2° (F). Good week for crops, with showers and reasonable temperatures. Peach harvest is nearing the end. Quality is excellent, and yields are better than average in some varieties. Apples are doing well with reports that more varieties will be harvested early. For the most part, fruit and vegetables are doing okay, sweet corn reported as outstanding yields and quality. Corn and soybeans continue to mature and looking like yields should be pretty decent this year. Hay making continues to be a challenge with the intermittent rain. Main activities for the week included haymaking, fall tillage, planting cover crops and spraying.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 20, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	5	93	1
SUBSOIL	1	3	95	1

### Crop Conditions as of August 20, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	1	61	38
CORN	0	1	7	45	47
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	8	72	19
HAY, OTHER	0	1	17	64	18
OATS	0	4	19	74	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	5	23	64	8
SOYBEANS	0	1	4	53	42
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	12	85	2

## Crop Progress as of August 20, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	26	21	30	29
BARLEY: PLANTED	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN: SILKING	94	89	98	97
CORN: MILK	79	69	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	47	28	63	61
CORN: DENTED	6	<5	22	23
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	100	98	88	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	72	56	73	75
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	6	N/A	27	23
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	82	78	90	86
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	50	32	N/A	N/A
OATS: MATURE	90	88	90	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	77	64	80	83
PEACHES: HARVESTED	71	59	74	73
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	90	88	88	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	63	33	77	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	96	94	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	94	90	N/A	N/A

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## August 20, 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	85	54	69	+1	0.25	1	23.97	+3.06	73	1899	+215	3216
	Erie	90	59	72	+1	0.60	1	18.82	+2.07	60	2029	+64	3342
	Franklin_AG	87	57	71	+2	0.12	1	26.22	+6.27	63	2024	+183	3348
	Meadville-Port	84	55	70	+2	0.82	1	19.37	+0.87	64	1950	+247	3256
	Springboro	84	51	67	-1	0.16	2	19.90	+2.63	71	1723	-29	3017
	Titusville	85	54	69	+3	0.84	2	23.57	+3.99	59	1825	+259	3139
	Warren	86	56	70	+1	1.12	3	23.60	+4.16	73	1859	+103	3169
North Central	Bradford_Region	82	48	67	+2	0.39	2	22.94	+3.46	71	1534	+171	2804
	Coudersport_1SW	83	49	66	+1	0.59	4	19.90	+0.84	80	1475	+39	2743
	Kane	82	49	65	+2	0.23	1	22.98	+3.12	65	1439	+241	2707
	Laporte	79	53	66	-1	1.15	4	29.23	+12.31	64	1559	+17	2838
	Lock_Haven	87	58	72	+2	2.39	4	25.91	+7.43	73	2210	+249	3569
	Oswayo	84	46	68	+3	0.46	4	16.94	-1.16	63	1413	+17	2672
	Renovo	86	57	71	+1	0.30	3	23.33	+6.23	76	2042	+90	3391
	Ridgway	87	53	69	+3	0.35	3	24.74	+4.98	66	1752	+306	3060
	Stevenson_Dam	85	54	69	0	0.18	3	15.40	-3.17	45	1716	-57	3033
	Towanda	86	56	70	+1	0.85	3	19.80	+4.69	70	2033	+235	3367
	Wellsboro	81	52	66	+1	0.49	3	20.29	+4.73	72	1550	+149	2833
	Williamsport_AP	88	57	73	+2	0.40	5	25.92	+8.10	73	2365	+315	3738
Northeast	Hawley	78	50	67	0	0.85	5	20.95	+3.26	69	1728	+165	3048
	Milanville	88	55	74	+7	0.70	5	18.36	+0.67	67	1870	+307	3197
	Pleasant_Mount	84	50	67	+3	0.89	5	27.43	+6.59	70	1500	+270	2763
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	84	59	72	+2	0.68	5	19.49	+2.98	65	2251	+244	3604
West Central	Butler	86	54	70	+2	1.08	3	22.14	+3.21	73	1912	+168	3246
	New_Castle_Ag	88	54	71	+1	0.57	4	20.87	+3.45	66	2288	+356	3647
	Slippery_Rock	86	54	70	+3	0.24	1	22.77	+3.86	61	1867	+280	3186
Central	Altoona_AP	84	55	70	0	1.06	4	20.27	+3.91	68	2175	+182	3535
	Du_Bois	84	53	69	+2	0.15	2	19.10	+0.33	70	1793	+104	3108
	Elizabethville	87	55	71	0	0.63	2	24.00	+6.02	63	2107	+77	3458
	Lewistown	87	58	72	+1	0.84	3	20.74	+2.68	72	2310	+223	3683
	Middletown	90	62	75	+1	0.52	2	22.30	+5.29	57	2664	+241	4055
	Prince_Gallitzi	84	53	70	+2	0.71	4	22.52	+5.82	83	1878	+123	3177
	Selinsgrove_2S	86	58	72	+1	0.31	3	23.72	+5.74	66	2205	+175	3561
	State_College_P	85	58	71	+2	0.82	3	20.79	+4.06	67	2126	+199	3484
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	87	60	74	+3	3.08	5	28.33	+9.41	60	2438	+337	3812
	Lehighton	81	58	70	+1	1.25	5	24.88	+4.01	74	2014	+187	3371
	Mt_Pocono	78	50	67	+2	0.26	5	21.49	+1.63	64	1509	+142	2793
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	90	57	74	+5	1.82	3	31.22	+14.32	73	2347	+451	3711
	Connellsville_A	90	54	73	+3	1.66	4	29.07	+9.58	77	2322	+291	3679
	Grays_Landing	89	53	72	0	1.70	4	28.57	+9.73	72	2201	-56	3559
	Indiana_3SE	87	53	70	+1	0.89	3	30.57	+9.99	76	1973	+71	3312
	Meyersdale	85	53	68	+1	0.45	4	24.60	+5.80	76	1685	+70	2988
	Pittsburgh_Intl	88	57	74	+3	1.21	3	20.71	+3.74	66	2339	+238	3699
	Waynesburg	88	54	71	+1	1.45	4	28.40	+10.81	72	2151	+216	3499
South Central	Biglerville	91	60	74	+3	0.74	3	19.02	+1.42	53	2511	+437	3882
	Everett	86	54	70	+1	0.17	2	24.07	+7.41	62	1994	+123	3335
	Hanover	90	57	72	-1	0.62	4	20.62	+5.45	67	2440	+52	3810
	Harrisburg_AP	90	61	75	+1	0.82	5	19.05	+2.04	59	2702	+279	4092
	South_Mountain	91	56	71	0	0.82	4	24.76	+4.98	68	2068	-152	3404
	York_AP	90	57	73	0	0.82	4	16.37	-1.39	59	2457	+119	3826
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	89	60	74	-1	1.68	3	21.01	+1.37	67	2809	+312	4209
	Hamburg	86	60	72	0	3.48	5	31.63	+11.90	67	2326	+140	3698
	Lancaster_AP	90	60	74	+1	1.18	4	16.93	-0.99	55	2585	+317	3964
	Neshaminy_Falls	89	63	77	+4	1.18	2	23.85	+2.61	49	2423	+111	3807
	New_Holland	89	61	74	+3	1.75	5	19.59	+0.05	55	2573	+517	3961
	Philadelphia_AP	91	66	78	+2	0.30	3	20.34	+2.93	54	2876	+249	4276
	Philadelphia_NE	90	64	78	+5	1.56	4	20.73	-0.51	50	2800	+488	4197
	Pottstown	86	59	73	+2	1.13	3	21.92	+3.65	59	2286	+194	3658
	Reading_AP	91	61	74	+1	2.42	3	23.78	+5.04	66	2539	+241	3916
	Sellersville	89	59	73	+1	1.80	4	22.01	+1.34	61	2301	+144	3670
	West_Chester	91	66	78	+5	1.39	5	21.70	+2.39	64	2749	+449	4117

Summary based on NWS preliminary data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.



## 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 started the week in lower 60's and then got into the 80's and cloudy and some rain on Monday 0.2" York Springs. Tuesday was cloudy and 71 by lunchtime. Wednesday morning 63 degrees and dense fog but cleared around mid-morning then sunny and 86. Thursday was 63 and cloudy then towards evening the sun came out a little and got humid and 87 degrees and light shower during night but no accumulation. Friday morning started 77 degrees and humid and cloudy. This week there was not much sun in Adams County. Corn and soybeans continue to mature and looking pretty good. The sporadic rainfall at times throughout the county is keeping the corn and soybeans going. Hay making is coming along but with the way the weather has been making it interesting to get it made. Some fall tillage has occurred this week. Some cover crops will be planted soon. Peaches continue to be harvested and will probably have harvest till around Labor Day since all fruit is about 2 weeks ahead of normal schedule. Apples continue to be harvested and more varieties will be harvested early as they are about 2 weeks earlier than normal harvest. Decent crops of peaches are being reported and most growers have decent crops of apples. They are keeping busy though with spraying for bugs and diseases with these cloudy days and some rainfall. Overall the producers are having a good growing season and readying equipment for upcoming harvest season.

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

Good week for crops, with showers and reasonable temperatures. A challenging week for making quality hay due to foggy

mornings. Peach harvest has been excellent for quality, yield and price, but it is nearing the end in southern part of the county.

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

Crops look great. Rainfall has fallen at the right time most of the summer. Another 1 inch this past week.

### **COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum**

RECEIVED 1.5" OF RAIN THIS PAST WEEK.

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

Another difficult week for making dry hay. Corn and soybeans are looking good; however, there is some disease beginning to show up on the corn. Activities for the week were spreading manure, spraying, and sowing cover crops.

### **LANCASTER County, Christopher Burkhart**

The abundant amount of rainfall in August and the summer in general has resulted in excellent row crops with corn and soybeans looking especially good while some produce crops would like it a little bit dryer. Tobacco harvest is underway although it's been slowed by the rain and the fact that the plants are very big this year. Overall crops look very good.

### **UNION County, James C. Brubaker**

We are very glad for the warm days to push some late corn. From yield checking results it looks like this year could be the best ever crop.

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