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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – April 8th, 2018:

Pennsylvania had a poor week for field activities with an average of 2 day suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 69° (F), a low of 10° (F) and a state average temperature of 38° (F). Cool wet weather has held up field work, but a few fields of alfalfa did get planted. Manure hauling was about the only field activity. Fruit buds are beginning to swell. No damage yet.

Crop Conditions as of April 8, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	0	0	4	95	1
HAY, ALFALFA	0	9	45	46	0
HAY, OTHER	0	6	27	67	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	18	19	63	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	24	76	0

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 8, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	62	38
SUBSOIL	0	0	63	37

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

April 8, 2018 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	CLARION 3 SW	55	21	37	-5	1.84	5	1.84	+0.86	5	0	-8	5
	ERIE INTL AP	61	27	35	-8	0.78	5	1.07	+0.15	6	0	-16	12
	FRANKLIN	59	20	35	-8	1.46	6	1.55	+0.56	7	0	-10	6
	MEADVILLE PORT	57	20	33	-11	1.03	6	1.10	+0.18	7	0	-15	8
	SPRINGBORO 3 WN	58	23	35	-7	1.24	6	1.42	+0.47	7	0	-8	6
	TITUSVILLE WATE	59	10	34	-7	1.31	6	1.48	+0.47	7	0	-8	8
	WARREN	59	17	34	-8	1.05	4	1.24	+0.19	5	0	-11	8
North Central	BRADFORD REGION	55	12	30	-9	0.97	5	1.06	+0.09	6	0	-8	1
	CANTON	50	16	35	-6	0.78	5	0.81	-0.18	6	0	-8	4
	COUDERSPORT 1 S	55	12	33	-8	0.89	4	0.94	+0.10	5	0	-8	4
	KANE INNE	55	16	33	-7	1.59	6	1.75	+0.75	7	0	-8	5
	LAPORTE	48	17	32	-8	0.88	5	0.91	-0.11	6	0	-8	0
	LOCK HAVEN SEWA	56	26	39	-6	0.91	4	0.91	+0.02	4	0	-13	4
	OSWAYO 1 ENE	54	24	37	-2	0.44	3	0.54	-0.34	4	0	-8	4
	RENOVO	54	22	38	-7	0.90	5	0.91	-0.01	6	0	-13	7
	RIDGWAY	58	21	37	-4	1.02	6	1.07	+0.15	7	0	-8	8
	STEVENSON DAM	54	20	36	-8	1.15	6	1.17	+0.24	7	0	-9	0
	WELLSBORO 4 SW	50	16	33	-7	0.80	5	0.81	+0.01	6	0	-8	0
	WILLIAMSPORT RE	57	22	38	-8	1.38	5	1.38	+0.48	5	0	-16	20
Northeast	MILANVILLE	56	21	36	-6	0.79	3	0.79	-0.53	3	0	-8	5
	PLEASANT MOUNT	49	15	30	-8	1.17	3	1.17	+0.11	3	0	-5	0
	PROMPTON DAM	56	24	36	-2	0.94	3	0.94	-0.12	3	0	-5	2
	WILKES-BARRE SC	55	21	37	-8	0.84	5	0.84	-0.01	5	0	-15	13
West Central	BUTLER 2 SW	58	23	37	-7	1.92	5	1.99	+1.10	6	0	-15	8
	NEW CASTLE	59	22	37	-8	1.56	6	1.58	+0.68	7	0	-16	16
	SLIPPERY ROCK 1	58	21	35	-9	1.97	6	1.98	+0.99	7	0	-16	7
Central	ALTOONA BLAIR C	57	23	37	-9	1.15	5	1.15	+0.29	5	0	-16	18
	DEHART DAM	55	21	38	-8	0.88	2	0.88	-0.23	2	0	-12	8
	DUBOIS JEFFERSO	56	20	32	-11	1.53	6	1.57	+0.63	7	0	-11	4
	LEWISTOWN	62	24	40	-6	1.47	4	1.47	+0.55	4	0	-16	18
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	61	27	41	-7	0.93	3	0.93	+0.08	3	0	-18	30
	PRINCE GALLITZI	56	18	37	-6	1.60	5	1.64	+0.78	6	0	-8	11
	SELINSGROVE 2 S	61	25	39	-6	0.79	3	0.79	-0.19	3	0	-14	11
	STATE COLLEGE	55	24	38	-7	1.11	5	1.16	+0.29	6	0	-16	10
East Central	ALLENTOWN LEHIG	62	26	42	-4	0.83	4	0.83	-0.14	4	2	-12	38
	LEHIGHTON 1SSW	53	27	37	-8	1.06	3	1.06	-0.04	3	0	-13	8
	MOUNT POCONO PO	50	20	32	-9	0.99	5	0.99	-0.32	5	0	-8	1
Southwest	CONNELLSVILLE 2	61	25	41	-9	2.77	7	2.87	+1.82	8	0	-28	20
	GRAYS LANDING	60	25	40	-6	2.68	5	2.71	+1.82	6	0	-18	22
	INDIANA 3 SE	60	25	39	-5	1.55	4	1.55	+0.49	4	0	-14	12
	MEYERSDALE 2 SS	59	11	36	-6	1.57	5	1.60	+0.65	6	0	-8	12
	PITTSBURGH ALLE	58	26	38	-10	1.45	4	1.47	+0.56	5	0	-24	22
	PITTSBURGH ASOS	60	27	39	-9	1.72	4	1.74	+0.92	5	0	-24	27
	WAYNESBURG 1 E	59	24	40	-6	1.83	4	1.86	+1.04	5	0	-20	18
South Central	BIGLERVILLE	62	26	41	-6	0.98	2	0.98	+0.00	2	0	-18	20
	EVERETT	61	20	37	-8	1.27	4	1.27	+0.29	4	0	-14	10
	HANOVER 4 SW	65	24	42	-6	0.81	2	0.81	-0.14	2	1	-19	26
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	61	27	41	-7	0.93	3	0.93	+0.08	3	0	-18	30
	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	57	25	41	-4	1.13	3	1.13	+0.04	3	0	-14	15
	YORK AIRPORT	64	21	41	-7	0.90	4	0.90	-0.12	4	0	-17	32
Southeast	DOYLESTOWN AIRP	61	28	40	-7	0.40	6	0.40	-0.84	6	1	-17	29
	HAMBURG	61	27	41	-7	0.87	4	0.87	-0.11	4	0	-19	24
	LANCASTER AIRPO	63	27	42	-6	0.91	4	0.91	-0.11	4	4	-11	40
	MUIR AAF	62	27	39	-7	0.99	4	0.99	-0.12	4	0	-12	24
	NESHAMINY FALLS	66	28	42	-6	0.40	3	0.40	-0.76	3	3	-14	32
	NEW HOLLAND 2 S	61	25	41	-7	0.72	3	0.72	-0.29	3	1	-21	28
	PHILADELPHIA FR	66	32	48	-4	0.18	2	0.38	-0.80	3	8	-26	66
	PHILADELPHIA NE	69	33	45	-4	0.49	5	0.49	-0.73	5	14	-8	62
	PHOENIXVILLE 1	62	30	42	-6	0.49	3	0.49	-0.58	3	2	-20	32
	POTTSTOWN LIMER	59	27	41	-7	0.56	4	0.56	-0.70	4	0	-18	30
	READING SPAATZ	64	27	41	-7	0.74	3	0.74	-0.33	3	2	-17	36
	SELLERSVILLE	58	29	40	-5	0.76	5	0.76	-0.39	5	0	-15	14

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

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 wet week this week. Monday started with various amounts of snowfall around the county which was gone by afternoon but moisture still around. Tuesday it rained and Wednesday was rainy and very windy all day then sun till afternoon. Yesterday was windy and sun and clouds. Temperatures have been cooler than normal this week. We are plenty wet for now. Small grains and hay are greening up and starting to grow. No fieldwork as too wet to think about getting into do anything. Fruit trees are being pruned and buds are starting to show signs of bloom as time goes on but we need warmer weather and for it to stay around once process starts. About 2 weeks behind normal. Apricots and cherries will be the first to open when that time comes. Overall the producers are busy readying their equipment for the year and also making plans for getting their crops in order and doing paperwork while it's still too wet in the fields.

ADAMS/FRANLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Cool wet weather has held up field work, but a few fields of alfalfa did get planted. Manure hauling was about the only field activity. Dairyman have been having a hard time with several good size operations having auctions this month. Fruit buds are beginning to swell. No damage yet.

CAMBRIA/SOMERSET County, David Stolz

Nothing has broken dormancy or greened up yet. Nothing done in fields either

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Temperatures, soil conditions and precipitation has limited active starting of field work. Some limited manure hauling has occurred.

COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MONTOUR County, C. John Esslinger

Excellent weather for tree fruit so far. Slow start to early season vegetable planting.

COLUMBIA/MONTOUR County, David W. Reedy

Below normal temperatures and wet surface areas has slowed regular spring farming activities.

DAUPHIN/PERRY County, Liz Bosak

Another week of cold, wet weather has limited any field activities. Small grain fields are turning green. Winter annual weeds have persisted through the week.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer


Had nearly one and one half inches of rain for the week along with a heavy coating of snow for April. The winter crops have not made much growth. The main activities for the week were spring planting preparation.

LACKAWANNA, County, Eric Johnson

Cold, wet weather has prevented any spring progress with crop planting and hay growth.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Very cold, wet weather continues. Rain and snow all week with well below temperatures. Spring planting season well behind schedule.



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