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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather April 29, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a fair week for field activities with an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work. Some bi-polar weather this week as Pennsylvania alternated between heavy rainfall and clear sunny conditions with temperatures approaching the low 80s. Rain continued to limit pasture growth but conditions appear to have improved from last week. Anticipated corn and soybean plantings were delayed by rains. Apples and peaches progressed rapidly into full bloom and are both looking very healthy. Field activities included spring tillage, manure hauling.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	74	26
SUBSOIL	0	0	78	22

Crop Conditions as of April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	20	72	5
HAY, OTHER	0	3	27	64	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	5	27	40	28
WINTER WHEAT	1	3	40	50	6

Crop Progress as of April 28, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PINK	60	39	0	37
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	38	0	0	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	25	<5	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	5	0	<5	8
OATS: PLANTED	68	59	24	52
OATS: EMERGED	53	30	<5	25
PEACHES: PINK	88	61	71	57
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	78	43	25	40
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	62	58	39	52

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 wet from the rainfall we had over the weekend. Temperatures in the mornings were 60's and into 70's daytime and sunny Monday thru Wednesday. Tuesday evening a brief shower but no accumulation. Wednesday was pretty breezy so helped to dry off ground and got into the low 80's. Thursday morning was 53 degrees with some rain showers and dreary all day with daytime temperature high 60's and 0.2" rainfall. Today was 51 morning temperature and raining and to continue all day. Sometimes is raining harder than others and storms are to be more between 2 pm and 6 pm today and windy conditions and mix of some sun/clouds on Saturday is in the forecast and some other rain for Sunday. We are still plenty wet in the county. Some producers were able to get some fertilizer and manure applied middle of this week. Still a little wet for Corn and soybeans to be planted but once the soil gets fit the producers and planters will be rolling. Wheat and barley are looking ok and getting some height now since we had some warmer days and sunshine but still a lot of spots in fields where drowned out from last fall/winter. Oats is looking pretty good and some seeding oats because of lack of straw since not a lot of wheat got seeded last fall due to wet field conditions. Hay fields are growing also around the county. Fruit trees are all blooming with reports of pretty nice blooms. Penn State Fruit Lab is reminding producers of making sure they take the necessary steps in spraying for fire blight, apple scab, bitter rot management etc. with the rainy conditions we have been having when flowers are open and more likely to be in danger of these conditions. Some vegetables have been planted in the county but more to be planted as conditions permit. Overall the producers are busy doing many different activities around their farming operations and hoping the weather is better this year than 2018 for their operations. Reminder to those who have/are seeding new standings of hay and oats to report those acreages to their FSA offices before the June 15th deadline.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Apples are now in full bloom. Looks like peaches past full bloom and have a good set. All fruit looking good at this time, but potential for light frost early in the week might nip a few. Not expected to be enough to do any damage. Strong winds on Saturday may affect pollination on some of the apples. Not much field work done this week due to wet fields.

BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon

Another wet week resulted in slow progress. Tillage, manure spreading, and forage seeding were all common activities this week when conditions were favorable.

CAMERON/ELK/MCKEAN County, Nicole S. Carutis

Some field work was done earlier in week, Amish are plowing with horses. Pasture growth has been slow this spring.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Some field work possible with light showers. Total rainfall for the week was 5/8 inches.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Wet soils hindering field work

DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bozak

Rain at the end of the week brought a halt to field activities. Eastern redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, trees are in bloom. Purple deadnettle, speedwell, dandelion, yellow rocket, and chickweed are still blooming. Dandelion has started to go to seed. Garlic mustard is in full bloom along field edges and trails. Summer annual weeds have started to germinate such as: ladythumb and common lambsquarters.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Another wet week for field activities. Winter grains are looking good. Much of the week was spent repairing flood damage from the recent heavy rains. Aside from that, manure spreading continued, planting and spraying were the activities undertaken.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Farmers continued cutting rye for forage last week between the raindrops. Also seeing a few heads showing in the early Barley. Many farms have started planting corn, but were chased out of the field with about .80 inches of rain end of the week, here in the northern part of the county. Manure hauling and some spring tillage continues across the county.

MERCER County, James P. Rust

We had over 2 inches of rainfall last week and Thursday and Friday of this week another 2 inches in the forecast. 32 degrees F. this Monday morning with frost. No corn or soybeans planted in this part of Mercer County. Cold soil for May 1st.