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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather May 28, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work. Clear weather provided much needed opportunity for field work last week with operators taking full advantage. Despite previous delays, operators were able to catch up with corn and soybean plantings with reports showing progress matching or exceeding that of the previous year. Hay progress was mixed, with some fields still recovering from previous damp conditions while considerable progress was made in areas where warm weather was prevalent enough to dry fields. Fruit progress continues at a steady pace, with apples and peaches both approaching the end of their blooming stages. Field activities included corn and soybean planting, hay cutting, manure hauling, and spraying.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 26, 2019

(in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 0 | 0 | 79 | 21 |
| SUBSOIL | 0 | 0 | 82 | 18 |

Crop Conditions as of May 26, 2019

(in percent)

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CORN | 0 | 0 | 19 | 61 | 20 |
| HAY, ALFALFA | 0 | 3 | 22 | 68 | 7 |
| HAY, OTHER | 0 | 3 | 19 | 70 | 8 |
| OATS | 0 | 0 | 18 | 69 | 13 |
| PASTURE AND RANGE | 0 | 2 | 21 | 49 | 28 |
| WINTER WHEAT | 0 | 2 | 34 | 55 | 9 |

Crop Progress as of May 26, 2019

(in percent)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 Year Avg. |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| APPLES: FULL BLOOM | 93 | 90 | 98 | N/A |
| BARLEY: HEADED | 89 | 77 | 86 | N/A |
| BARLEY: COLORING | 26 | 8 | 36 | N/A |
| CORN: PLANTED | 66 | 42 | 56 | 70 |
| CORN: EMERGED | 42 | 18 | 29 | 46 |
| HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING | 25 | 5 | 28 | N/A |
| HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING | 20 | <5 | <5 | N/A |
| OATS: PLANTED | 94 | 87 | 90 | 95 |
| OATS: EMERGED | 85 | 79 | 77 | 87 |
| PEACHES: FULL BLOOM | 93 | 91 | N/A | N/A |
| SOYBEANS: PLANTED | 37 | 12 | 34 | 45 |
| SOYBEANS: EMERGED | 12 | <5 | 18 | 19 |
| SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE | 93 | 87 | 91 | N/A |
| TOBACCO: TRANSPLANTED OR SET | 32 | <5 | <5 | N/A |
| WINTER WHEAT: HEADED | 57 | 23 | 80 | N/A |

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 out wet again and 64 and sunny morning temperatures and into the 80's. Tuesday was sunny 55 morning and 68 afternoon. Wednesday morning was 46 sunny then towards evening cloudier and 78. Thursday was cloudy and 57 and some showers midafternoon then turned sunny and 78. Thursday night into Friday some thunderstorms and about 1/4 inch of rainfall in York Springs area. Sunny and 62 degrees here this morning. Some corn and soybeans got planted this week where soil conditions permitted. Some soil preparation also done to help dry out so planting can hopefully get started in areas. Manure hauling and spraying was happening around the county also. Some forage was also chopped this week where able to get to. Some hay was lodged from rains and some areas are back up with sunshine but other areas still flat. Fruit crops are looking good but spraying for diseases and thinning of crops by chemicals very critical to weather conditions. Producers are acting accordingly from Penn State Fruit Labs recommendations. Vegetables are doing pretty good. The sunshine is helping them get growing. Strawberries will soon be ready in the county. Some diseases in strawberries from wet weather also. Overall the producers have been busy trying to get done what they can when they can as the days are passing quickly to have corn planted by the June 10th RMA deadline and also June 20 for soybeans deadline. Producers are reminded if they have oats or newly seeded hay this spring to report these acreages to their FSA county offices before the June 15th deadline. All other crops need reported to FSA by July 15th. Some producers will probably have Prevented Planting again this year.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Weather cleared and much corn and beans got planted. Warm weather pushing the corn along but weeds are now a problem. Alfalfa first cutting is yielding well and quality good. Some of the fruit was hit by hail last week, but not enough to affect the total crop in the area.

BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon

A stretch of warm, dry weather through last week finally offered a window of opportunity for many Bradford County producers. Field activities proceeded rapidly this week with an emphasis on chopping first cutting hay silage on the county's dairy farms. Corn and soybeans were planted, manure was spread, and fields were tilled in preparation for corn planting. Lambsquarter, ragweed, eastern black nightshade, and other summer annual weeds have begun to germinate, with the earliest of these up to 5 inches tall.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Light showers making field work difficult. 3/4 inch rainfall for the week. Top soil could use a soaking rain.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Wet soil still holding up completion of planting and making hay.

COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MONTOUR County, C. John Esslinger

Vegetable planting proceeding slowly due to saturated soils. Apple growers are selectively applying thinners. Fruit set appears to be light in several cultivars.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

A good week for field activities. Crops are looking good. Planting of corn and soybeans was in full force; as well as, chopping of forage. Very little dry hay was made. Main activities for the week were planting, harvesting and spraying.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Although a few farmers were able to make some early silage hay and plant corn, rain and wet conditions persist this spring making it a challenge to get started with early field work.

LUZERNE/MONTOUR County, C. John Esslinger

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MERCER County, James P. Rust

The weekend good weather was the time for area farmers to plant soybeans and corn at a record pace. Tractors and planters everywhere. This Tuesday AM has seen major thunderstorms in our area with heavy rainfall. No hay dry or silage has been cut in our area.