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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather June 3, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a fair week for field activities with an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work. The week started with fair weather but gradually deteriorated into heavy rain. Corn and soybean progress continued, slowed somewhat by saturated fields. In contrast hay appears to have made rapid progress despite indications suggesting a decline in condition and quality. Apples and peaches have reached the end of their full bloom stage but concerns regarding condition have surfaced after reports of isolated hail storms. Field activities included planting corn and soybeans, hay cutting, and manure hauling.

## Crop Progress as of June 2, 2019

(in percent)

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 2, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	61	39
SUBSOIL	0	0	65	35

## Crop Conditions as of June 2, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	11	51	38
CORN	0	1	19	52	28
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	22	60	15
HAY, OTHER	0	3	20	61	16
OATS	0	5	19	66	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	2	18	44	36
PEACHES	0	4	2	54	40
SOYBEANS	0	1	25	53	21
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	27	57	14

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	96	93	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HEADED	94	89	92	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	50	26	56	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	74	66	73	83
CORN: EMERGED	59	42	47	63
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	54	25	41	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	28	20	14	N/A
OATS: PLANTED	95	94	98	98
OATS: EMERGED	89	85	80	91
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	95	93	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	48	37	57	65
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	33	12	34	38
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	94	93	95	N/A
TOBACCO: TRANSPLANTED OR SET	77	32	38	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	85	57	90	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	14	N/A	N/A	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 morning temperatures 60's and got into mid 80's sunny. Tuesday morning 62 degrees and an early shower then sunny then thunderstorms evening 0.2 inch of rainfall York Springs area and 86 and humid. Wednesday morning 64 degrees and sunny and 86 afternoon temperatures and another thunderstorm 0.5 inch of rainfall and was also windy. Thursday morning 66 degrees and sunny and mid 80's afternoon dark skies and some rain but not much accumulation at York Springs but other areas had a little more. Friday started out 66 degrees and sunny. On Saturday night and Sunday evening Adams County received a half inch of rainfall from each storm. Sunday evening's storm had some pea-size to dime-size hail in the York Springs area. Corn and soybeans continue to be planted where field conditions permit with the thunderstorms/rains 3 days this week has made it more interesting to get things done. More corn and soybeans are emerged now so farmers are glad to see that after they get fields planted and hopefully that means a good start to a good crop growing season. Still a good amount of corn and soybeans to be planted and the final plant dates are approaching for crop insurance. If producers are still finding fields too wet then they should contact their crop insurance agents for details so they can do timely. Wheat and barley acreages are now headed and looking ok. Won't be a good yield on either because of stands from last fall where was wet is drowned out. Hay fields continue to grow. Not much made as field conditions not favorable for drying hay on wet ground and then showers most of the week with storms. Hopefully we can get a few days together here for some sunny days to get started on haymaking. Fruit crops are looking ok in some areas and some areas not too good from wet weather at bloom time. Penn State Fruit Lab seeing diseases in fruit with Nectria Twig Blight or Fire Blight with are funguses due to wet weather. They are saying to prune out Twig Blight and remove from orchard so not spread to other trees. Still a ways to go with fruit production and keeping producers on their toes with spraying schedules. You can see apples and peaches now when driving down the roadways of Adams County. Vegetables are doing ok but need to have some sunny days too. As growers have produce you can find at farmers markets or roadside stands. Strawberries are being harvested locally but the rain has hurt their yields also and have some diseases also. Overall the producers are keeping busy doing whatever the field conditions permit to get accomplished since the rains have affected all phases of farming again this year.

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

Good week to finish full season corn and bean planting, making hay and hauling manure. Fruit crop still in good shape. Some late week showers but no hail.

### **BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon**

Wet weather this past week has slowed progress again. Crops that have been planted are largely looking good, though some corn and hay are beginning to look yellow.

### **CAMBRIA/SOMERSET County, David Stolz**

A lot of areas 6 plus inches of rain, fields washed and ponding.

### **CAMERON/ELK/MCKEAN/POTTER Counties, Nicole S. Carutis**

The week of May 26th brought field work, planting and haying to a near standstill. Also there are not many potatoes planted at this time.

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

Difficult conditions for field work, wet weather continued. 2.25 inches in the gauge for the week.

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

Wet conditions continue to hamper hay making and final planting of corn and soybean. Wet areas of fields are causing poor growth and stand failures of corn and soybean.

### **COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MONTOUR County, C. John Esslinger**

Too wet.

### **DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bosak**

Intense storms with over an inch of precipitation continue to challenge field operations across Dauphin and Perry counties. Planters have been running nonstop when the fields are dry enough. Summer annual weeds continue to emerge. Common lambsquarters plants that germinated earlier this month are now about ten to fifteen inches tall. Maretail plants are six to twelve inches tall. Cereal leaf beetle larvae are present in some small grains fields. No significant flights of black cutworm moths were detected in Perry County.

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

Another week of heavy rainfall, strong winds and hail. So far, the wheat and barley stands are doing well in spite of the weather. Main activities for the week were limited to spraying, chopping forage on Monday and spreading manure.

### **LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson**

Another week, more rain. Saturated conditions continue to plague the northeast making corn planting and hay harvest nearly impossible. Alfalfa is nearing the point of flowering, so most farms are eager to get first cutting off with optimum quality.