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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather June 10, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work. A week of favorable weather with plenty of sun and dry conditions provided a welcome boon for Pennsylvania farm operators. Considerable progress was made with corn and soybean planting with prior plantings appearing to have emerged quickly. Oat planting has neared completion with the majority of planted acres having now emerged. Hay cutting also appears to have moved along nicely, with current progress now surpassing last year. Apple and peach health remains steady with reports citing good to excellent conditions. Field activities included corn and soybean planting, hay cutting, manure spreading and spraying.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 9, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	1	80	19
SUBSOIL	0	0	79	21

Crop Conditions as of June 9, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	8	54	38
CORN	0	2	19	64	15
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	22	68	7
HAY, OTHER	0	2	18	69	11
OATS	0	5	19	65	11
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	4	18	63	15
PEACHES	0	0	0	63	37
SOYBEANS	0	2	23	62	13
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	28	58	12

Crop Progress as of June 9, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: HEADED	95	94	95	N/A
BARLEY: COLORING	75	50	82	76
BARLEY: MATURE	10	0	13	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	89	74	86	91
CORN: EMERGED	74	59	68	78
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	10	<5	11	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	73	54	57	65
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	45	28	35	46
OATS: EMERGED	96	89	95	96
OATS: HEADED	27	<5	<5	21
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	72	48	69	76
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	48	33	49	58
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	97	94	N/A	N/A
TOBACCO: TRANSPLANTED OR SET	81	77	70	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	91	85	95	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	25	14	31	30

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 week with morning temperatures low 50's and sunny and into the low 70's Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday morning was 60 degrees and sunny and mid 70's. Thursday morning was 60 degrees and more humid and an early morning shower then cleared off mid-morning and sunny 86 afternoon. Today was 66 morning temperature and cloudy. Corn and soybeans continue to be planted and what was planted weeks past is emerging now and some areas though had to be replanted if in lower parts of fields. Still a fair amount of corn and more soybeans to be planted when soil conditions permit. Some producers are turbo-tilling to try to get the soil dry enough to get it planted. Wheat and barley continue to mature and are starting to color. Yields will be affected due to poor stands from last fall's wet weather. Oats are coming along and looking ok. Hay is being made when conditions permit but really just getting started in the county. Appears the hay should have good yields if producers can get conditions in fields to get in to mow, ted, rake and bale to get some quality hay that they didn't have last year. Fruit crop looks pretty decent although diseases apparent in apples from rainy spring weather. Producers are following Penn State Fruit lab recommendations to try to control fire blight and rot etc. Vegetables are coming along since we have had some sunny and warmer days. Earlier planted will soon be available at local farmers markets or on farm markets throughout the county. Producers are busy with all types of field work depending on the weather and soil conditions they are being dealt. They are working hard to try to get their crops planted and sometimes harvesting another crop at the same time having all their tractors working. Producers are getting to the final plant date for RMA coverage on corn of June 10 and for Soybeans June 20 without having their coverage affected. Some producers may have Prevented Planting this year but need to talk with their Crop Insurance Agent for details of how it works and if applicable to their policy. Producers are reminded to report their spring seeded hay and oats to their FSA offices before the June 17th deadline and also corn and soybeans and hay before the July 15th deadline. All the hard work and money and hours the producers are putting into their farming operations they are hoping for decent yields and prices for their crops.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Dry weather allowed for hay making. First cutting of alfalfa done. Fruit still looks good. Manure hauling, hay making, weed control and side dressing corn was the activities of the week.

CENTRE County, Adriana Murillo-Williams

Last week weather conditions were optimum for field activities in Centre County. Soybeans are at V1-V2 and maize at V2-V3. Winter barley is starting to mature, and symptoms of Fusarium Head Blight are visible. Pests already found in soybeans include bean leaf beetles and silver spotted skippers.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good week for field work. 1/4 inch rainfall for 1the week.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Finally some drier weather allowed hay making and finish planting.

DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bosak

Warm and dry weather finally arrived last week. Planting, spraying, hay making, and spreading were possible. Cereal rye is at the end of flowering. Slug populations remain low in corn and soybean fields. Minor feeding from bean leaf beetle on soybean was observed last week.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

This was a great week for field activities. Corn and soybean planting and replanting continued. The chopping off forage is near completion. The second cutting of alfalfa is looking good. The main field activities for the week were planting, harvesting and spraying.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

A dry stretch of weather allowed farms to finish most of their corn planting and start first cut hay harvest. Saturated conditions in low lying areas still persist and prevent some planting/harvest activity. Apples and Peaches look to be heading towards a bumper crop should favorable conditions continue.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

With the advent of drier weather crops are evening up and starting to grow rapidly. Stands look good but not great considering the difficult planting conditions in much of May. Wouldn't mind a shower later in the week. Side dressing corn and beginning second cutting alfalfa will be on the schedule this week as well as post emerge herbicide applications. Expect to see some barley harvested by the end of the week, weather permitting.