



Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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This is the final series of the 2009 Pennsylvania Crop & Weather Roundup. We would like to thank all of the individuals who supplied information to make this release possible. The Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup will resume the first week of April 2010. If you have any suggestions for information to add or delete from this report, please let us know. You can mail, fax or email suggestions using the information at the top of this release.

Fair Week for Field Work: Weather conditions to finish up the corn and soybean harvest were not ideal for most of last week. Pennsylvania had a total of 4 days suitable for field work. Primary field activities were: corn and soybean harvesting, sowing wheat and cover crops, and preparing for winter. Fall plowing continues, and is 86% completed, behind last year's estimate of 94%, and the average of 95%.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 29, 2009

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
0	0	73	27

Crop Progress: Eighty-one percent of the corn is harvested, behind both last year's 89% and the average of 92%. Wheat planting is 94% completed. This is behind last year's estimate of 100% and the average of 100%. Wheat is 90% emerged, behind last year's 100%, and the average of 96%. Soybeans are 87% harvested, which is behind both last year's 89% and the average of 91%.

Crop Condition: State-wide wheat condition is 14% fair, 84% good, and 2% excellent.

Nationwide as of November 22, 2009: Temperatures across much of the northern half of the country were above

average during the week, while areas in California, the Southwest, and along the Gulf Coast experienced temperatures well below normal. Wet conditions continued in areas of the Pacific Northwest and returned to much of the Corn Belt and the eastern half of Texas where precipitation totals exceeded 800 percent of normal during the week.

Corn: Nationally, harvest advanced 14 points during the week leaving progress, at 68 percent, 19 points behind last year and 26 points behind the 5-year average. Harvest was most active in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin where producers combined 21 percent or more of their crop. Despite the active harvest pace in these States, overall progress remained over 2 weeks behind normal. Wet weather in Illinois and Missouri held the harvest pace to single digits during the week.

Soybeans: Producers had harvested 94 percent of the 2009 soybean acreage by week's end, 3 points behind both last year and the 5-year average. The most significant harvest delay was evident in Kansas where overall progress was 13 points, or over 2 weeks, behind normal.

Winter Wheat: Seeding in the 2010 winter wheat crop advanced slowly during the week. With 93 percent of the crop in the ground, progress was 5 points behind last year and 4 points behind the 5-year average. Producers in Colorado, Michigan, and Montana used over 3 days suitable for fieldwork to finish seeding their crop during the week. Emergence advanced to 84 percent complete by November 22, seven points behind last year and 6 points behind the average. Despite evidence of rapid emergence in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri during the week, overall progress remained 29 points or more behind normal in these States. Overall, 64 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, unchanged from ratings last week but down slightly from last year.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 29, 2009

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 29, 2009					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest												
Erie	55	36	46	8	0.31	4	26.65	-3.66	105	2,646	-1	4,761
Franklin	54	26	42	6	0.41	5	31.12	-0.45	121	2,412	3	4,458
Meadville	54	30	43	7	0.32	4	27.38	-4.91	108	2,356	152	4,390
Mercer	55	30	43	8	0.31	4	29.58	-0.58	112	2,412	28	4,470
Springboro	56	33	44	6	0.47	4	28.13	-1.01	111	2,136	-451	4,139
Warren	52	29	42	7	0.40	4	31.61	-0.53	106	2,241	-82	4,252
North Central												
Bradford Region	47	28	38	6	0.33	5	31.26	-0.48	122	1,642	-13	3,500
Oswayo	53	26	40	8	0.55	5	30.30	0.00	118	1,705	-131	3,551
Kane	48	24	39	7	0.45	4	35.15	2.58	115	1,618	4	3,457
Laporte	49	31	40	5	0.85	5	38.31	8.98	123	1,885	-492	3,804
Lock Haven	54	26	42	6	0.45	4	33.17	4.43	99	2,645	114	4,730
Port Allegany	51	27	40	8	0.40	5	28.65	-1.65	110	1,863	27	3,769
Renovo	54	27	42	6	0.45	5	27.20	-1.54	106	2,515	-16	4,593
Ridgway	50	23	39	5	0.30	5	28.84	-2.27	105	1,905	20	3,794
Stevenson Dam	53	27	42	8	0.34	5	26.18	-4.93	99	2,390	505	4,442
Towanda	55	27	43	8	0.53	5	30.08	5.48	101	2,367	-31	4,379
Wellsboro	49	28	38	6	0.57	5	29.98	5.53	108	1,756	-24	3,615
Williamsport	56	29	46	9	0.81	4	31.50	2.42	95	3,062	270	5,297
Northeast												
Hawley	53	25	42	7	0.01	1	35.08	7.14	99	2,108	67	4,058
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	54	28	43	7	0.27	3	28.63	1.86	99	2,698	51	4,824
Susquehanna	53	28	42	9	0.34	4	30.73	0.54	108	2,197	274	4,177
West Central												
Butler	54	30	43	6	0.20	3	27.32	-1.97	113	2,369	-134	4,436
New Castle	62	28	45	9	0.23	4	24.99	-2.11	102	2,772	266	4,900
Slippery Rock	60	29	45	10	0.19	4	28.43	-0.58	111	2,543	301	4,655
Central												
Altoona/Blair	51	32	42	5	0.52	3	26.49	0.30	105	2,602	-63	4,695
DuBois	50	31	40	6	0.33	5	31.31	1.74	116	2,304	27	4,311
Lewistown	55	27	44	6	0.79	3	33.34	5.31	98	2,818	-112	4,971
Middletown	57	30	47	7	0.63	4	36.44	8.35	107	3,426	97	5,693
Prince Gallitzi	51	26	41	6	0.47	4	27.04	-6.33	105	2,089	-40	4,042
Selinsgrove	54	27	44	6	0.87	4	35.11	5.87	92	2,705	-15	4,820
State College	51	32	42	6	0.66	4	28.24	1.69	103	2,667	56	4,766
East Central												
Allentown-Bethel	58	27	46	8	0.11	2	33.66	3.15	96	2,979	-60	5,173
Lehighton	55	28	45	7	0.27	4	42.58	12.18	113	2,518	-409	4,658
Matamoras	56	27	43	7	0.10	3	31.40	0.54	91	2,362	-251	4,406
Mt_Pocono	51	31	41	9	0.06	2	36.99	3.55	117	2,177	432	4,172
Southwest												
Pittsburgh/Alle	55	34	45	8	0.23	4	22.46	-5.05	113	3,077	385	5,281
Indiana_PA	52	29	42	4	0.42	4	18.03	-14.02	90	2,537	-71	4,598
Myersdale	52	29	39	3	0.24	3	29.11	-1.97	110	1,941	-557	3,856
Mount Pleasant	56	26	43	7	0.35	4	30.44	-2.02	109	2,681	423	4,804
Pittsburgh Intl	55	33	45	7	0.22	4	22.36	-3.13	101	3,074	254	5,272
Connellsville	54	31	43	4	0.37	4	32.56	2.50	115	3,014	132	5,198
Waynesburg	57	27	42	4	0.14	4	26.22	-1.57	110	2,621	24	4,752
South Central												
Biglerville	54	30	45	4	0.83	4	35.85	9.12	105	3,116	-140	5,322
Everett	56	26	43	5	0.61	3	28.71	2.96	97	2,553	-105	4,580
Hanover	54	29	44	4	0.92	4	35.01	8.28	105	3,132	-124	5,320
Harrisburg_AP	57	29	46	6	0.65	4	33.92	5.83	105	3,379	40	5,637
South Mountain	54	31	42	5	1.24	4	37.23	11.04	111	2,426	-227	4,499
York	55	26	45	5	0.74	4	32.14	3.85	103	3,148	-106	5,343
Southeast												
Green Lane	55	30	46	7	0.34	3	39.78	10.22	109	3,073	181	5,286
Hamburg	56	28	45	8	0.38	4	42.55	8.27	109	3,000	393	5,205
West_Chester	57	27	46	5	0.37	2	40.27	8.19	101	3,077	-171	5,260
Lancaster	56	29	46	7	0.47	4	32.61	3.05	105	3,209	143	5,436
Neshaminy Falls	62	28	47	8	0.28	3	40.50	6.88	102	3,170	146	5,386
New Holland	58	35	45	6	0.69	4	37.02	7.46	105	3,193	127	5,414
Philadelphia	57	35	48	7	0.39	2	38.13	9.67	105	3,919	338	6,256
Philadelphia NE	58	31	48	7	0.29	2	34.76	6.30	105	3,515	-66	5,808
Reading	56	29	47	8	0.47	5	34.78	3.24	109	3,360	360	5,614
Sellersville	57	27	46	7	0.28	3	39.80	10.24	103	2,829	-63	4,992
Willow Grove	57	31	47	8	0.65	4	59.00	25.38	109	3,341	317	5,604

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).

Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.

Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.

Air temperatures in degrees fahrenheit.

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Below is the list of crop weather reporters who volunteered their time to submit valuable input for our 2009 Pennsylvania Crop Weather Report. We want to express our appreciation to all of the reporters who reported their local crop conditions and progress. We also want to give special recognition to our more consistent reporters. We apologize for any names that might be omitted.

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PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 29, 2009

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	86	94	95
Corn, harvested	81	89	92
Wheat, planted	94	100	100
Wheat, emerged	90	100	96
Soybeans, harvested	87	89	91

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 29, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	0	14	84	2

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