



Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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Week Ending November 18, 2012

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Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 5 days suitable for field work. Field activities were harvesting corn and soybeans, finishing up planting cover crops, spreading manure, and inspecting fields. Fall plowing continues and is 92% complete, ahead of 81% at this time last year and the five year average of 84%.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 18, 2012

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0	0	96	4

Crop Progress: The corn for grain harvest continues and is 91% complete, ahead of last year's 83% and also ahead of the average of 82%. Winter wheat is 96% planted, ahead of last year's 93% and equal to the average. Winter wheat is 79% emerged, slightly ahead of last year's 78%, but below the average of 87%. The soybean harvest continues and is 91% complete, compared to 81% last year and the average of 85%.

Crop Condition: Winter wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 0% poor, 9% fair, 55% good, and 36% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 1% very poor, 14% poor, 27% fair, 54% good and 4% excellent.

Nationwide as of November 14, 2012:

Temperatures west of the Mississippi River were near to above normal, while weekly readings in the East averaged more than 8°F below normal. Precipitation totals for much of the country were below average. Conversely, portions of the Northern Tier, Great Plains, and Four Corners regions accumulated rain and snow totaling at least 200 percent of normal. Soybeans: Producers had harvested 96 percent of this year's soybean crop by November 11, slightly ahead of last year and 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. With the exception of North Carolina, where a large portion of the soybean crop is grown following winter wheat, harvest was complete or nearing completion by week's end. Winter Wheat: Ninety-five percent of the 2013 winter wheat crop was sown by November 11, on par with last year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Nationally, emergence was 79 percent complete by week's end, 2 percentage points behind both last year and the 5-year average. Despite increased moisture across portions of the Northern Tier, persistently dry weather throughout much of the Great Plains maintained drought stress on the developing crop. Overall, 36 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down 3 percentage points from last week and 14 points below the same time last year. This represents the lowest good to excellent rating for this week since wheat condition estimates began in 1986.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 18, 2012

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 18, 2012					
	Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest												
Erie	69	27	43	0	0.71	2	26.12	-2.72	83	3,252	605	5,226
Franklin_AG	69	24	40	-2	0.45	1	24.60	-5.58	107	2,898	489	4,811
Meadville-Port	68	25	42	3	0.54	1	28.31	-2.47	96	3,043	839	4,998
Clarion	69	22	39	-2	0.46	1	28.97	-2.46	99	2,529	110	4,406
Springboro	67	23	40	-3	0.60	2	31.56	3.80	96	2,579	-8	4,456
Warren	70	24	40	2	0.43	1	25.28	-5.41	100	2,725	402	4,621
North Central												
Bradford Region	69	22	40	4	0.44	1	27.69	-2.64	100	2,431	776	4,294
Oswayo	67	18	37	1	0.39	2	25.07	-3.93	92	2,048	212	3,836
Kane	68	23	39	3	0.47	1	29.76	-1.32	97	2,109	495	3,920
Laporte	63	25	38	-3	0.62	1	38.81	10.71	102	2,330	-47	4,189
Lock Haven	65	23	40	-2	0.36	1	26.75	-0.78	102	3,132	601	5,142
Coudersport_1SW	68	18	37	0	0.55	1	30.53	1.53	112	2,191	355	3,998
Renovo	68	25	41	1	0.42	1	32.04	4.51	99	3,068	537	5,079
Ridgway	72	21	39	2	0.56	1	25.53	-4.27	99	2,542	657	4,429
Stevenson Dam	71	25	41	3	0.38	1	29.36	-0.44	91	2,932	1,047	4,918
Towanda	71	23	41	2	0.59	2	28.55	5.04	96	2,816	418	4,765
Wellsboro	66	22	38	1	0.29	1	25.67	2.19	93	2,241	461	4,088
Williamsport	65	25	43	2	0.48	1	24.55	-3.21	94	3,443	651	5,509
Northeast												
Hawley	70	20	38	-2	0.94	2	30.68	4.03	89	2,459	418	4,373
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	72	26	42	2	0.79	2	28.57	2.89	95	3,264	617	5,279
Susquehanna	68	23	39	3	0.83	2	32.98	4.18	96	2,656	733	4,586
West Central												
Butler	70	23	40	-2	0.33	2	26.27	-1.82	94	2,920	417	4,866
New Castle	73	23	42	2	0.30	1	29.85	3.92	86	3,225	719	5,224
Slippery Rock	71	21	42	3	0.40	1	28.11	0.34	85	3,088	846	5,065
Central												
Altoona/Blair	67	26	42	0	0.39	1	28.51	3.45	84	3,245	580	5,281
DuBois	68	25	41	2	0.35	1	24.49	-3.79	89	2,767	490	4,690
Lewistown	67	26	42	-1	0.32	1	30.51	3.67	98	3,323	394	5,411
Middletown	65	29	44	-1	0.64	1	34.21	7.42	83	3,826	498	5,958
Prince Gallitzi	70	20	38	-3	0.19	1	27.17	-4.72	92	2,667	538	4,600
Selinsgrove	66	25	41	-1	0.59	1	28.72	0.76	94	3,196	476	5,219
State College	65	26	40	-1	0.43	1	29.89	4.53	100	3,103	492	5,118
East Central												
Allentown-Bethel	67	25	43	0	0.73	2	31.95	2.89	85	3,547	508	5,625
Lehighton	63	26	40	-3	0.92	2	39.77	10.71	97	2,922	-5	4,949
Matamoras	66	26	41	1	0.58	2	33.88	4.49	109	3,034	421	5,068
Mt_Pocono	66	25	40	4	1.01	2	37.16	5.33	102	2,574	829	4,519
Southwest												
Pittsburgh/Alle	71	30	45	4	0.42	2	25.65	-0.66	87	3,650	959	5,699
Indiana_PA	70	25	42	0	0.35	1	30.06	-0.61	117	3,103	495	5,073
Myersdale	71	18	38	-4	0.11	1	26.84	-2.91	96	2,334	-164	4,213
Chalk_Hill	69	19	37	-8	0.30	1	32.18	3.40	94	2,411	-470	4,277
Pittsburgh Intl	70	26	43	2	0.18	1	26.52	2.14	86	3,488	669	5,511
Connellsville	70	24	40	-4	0.35	1	36.37	7.59	101	3,116	235	5,133
Waynesburg	73	21	39	-4	0.24	1	26.09	-0.50	79	3,051	454	5,031
South Central												
Biglerville	65	30	44	-2	0.52	1	32.37	6.85	80	3,497	242	5,591
Everett	69	21	41	-2	0.28	1	29.35	4.70	90	2,810	152	4,787
Hanover	70	24	42	-3	0.71	1	35.41	9.89	87	3,450	195	5,524
Harrisburg_AP	66	28	44	-1	0.63	1	32.91	6.12	85	3,864	526	5,995
South Mountain	66	25	39	-4	0.82	1	40.47	15.41	91	2,803	150	4,774
York	69	24	43	-3	0.61	2	32.41	5.39	91	3,504	251	5,574
Southeast												
Green Lane	68	28	43	-2	0.50	2	35.07	6.88	87	3,509	617	5,604
Hamburg	65	28	43	2	0.82	2	37.72	4.98	98	3,396	789	5,472
West_Chester	70	23	42	-4	0.41	2	34.43	3.83	71	3,463	218	5,521
Lancaster	67	27	43	0	0.78	2	29.96	1.68	73	3,641	576	5,731
Neshaminy Falls	71	24	42	-3	0.20	1	29.33	-2.79	87	3,667	644	5,787
New Holland	66	30	45	2	0.79	1	35.33	7.05	73	3,756	691	5,892
Philadelphia	71	35	47	2	0.14	2	25.71	-1.43	66	4,372	795	6,576
Philadelphia NE	70	30	45	-2	0.18	2	29.68	2.54	73	3,960	383	6,111
Reading	68	27	44	2	0.42	2	30.93	0.83	85	3,882	882	6,008
Sellersville	68	23	41	-3	0.48	2	33.60	5.41	73	3,208	316	5,237
Doylestown_AG	70	26	44	0	0.21	2	30.17	-1.95	79	3,677	654	5,789

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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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 had a pretty nice week of weather. It is still wet in areas of the county depending on soil type. Corn and soybeans continue being harvested. Some producers without storage have to wait until commercial grain bins are available, as storage is short this year. Producers are also putting grain on floors of buildings to keep harvest going. Some additional wheat has been planted here during the past week. All fruit crops have been harvested in the county.

BUTLER COUNTY, L. Fritz

The good weather is permitting producers the time necessary to complete the harvest of corn and beans.

CAMBRIA COUNTY, Dolly Little

Most of the harvesting is complete. There are just a few corn fields still standing and waiting for harvest.

CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker

It was a good week for finalizing fall field work.

CLARION COUNTY, Tom Tanner

Field activities for the week were spreading lime and emptying manure pits

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr

Weather is improving, allowing the finishing of corn and soybean harvests. The last of the forage for green chop is being cut and corn stalks are being round baled. The final planting of cover crop is underway. I know of a few blocks of apples that were damaged, but overall we escaped without much loss.

LEBANON COUNTY, Charlene Ziegler

Farmers are still harvesting soybeans and corn as well as sowing cover crops. Manure is being spread on available fields.

MERCER COUNTY, James P. Rust

Fields are now dry enough. Everyone is out this weekend completing fall tillage and harvesting of grain corn and soybeans. Grape vineyards are busy completing the annual pruning of vines as well as replacing posts and support wires after inspections.

SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer

Harvesting and fall seeding are near completion.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, John Lohr

A dry week made for excellent harvest conditions. Other field work included stalk chopping, winter cover seeding, and manure hauling.

PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 18, 2012

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	92	81	84
Corn, harvested	91	83	82
Wheat, planted	96	93	96
Wheat, emerged	79	78	87
Soybeans, harvested	91	81	85

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 18, 2012

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	9	55	36
Pasture	1	14	27	54	4

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