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Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work last week.

The average height of emerged corn was 87 inches with some crops having entered the early dent phase. Ample rains were a welcome boon to all crops, particularly corn and soybeans. Some corn has entered the early dent phase while soybeans have nearly all bloomed and set pods. Potato and tobacco harvests are off to a good start but late reports of blue mold in Massachusetts may warrant some additional scrutiny with tobacco crops. Stink bugs have had some negative influence on fruit conditions in the area, most notably with peaches. Slightly higher temperatures forecasted this week ranging from the high 70's to low 80's but showers and thunderstorms expected to arrive Tuesday and continue through Friday. Expected rains may limit field activities.

Crop Progress (in %):

	August 17th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	88	100	100
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	56	75	78
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	19	12	13
Apples Harvested	16	32	31
Corn Milk	69	-	-
Corn Dough	31	54	50
Corn Dent	6	15	16
Oats Mature	89	98	96
Oats Harvested	71	77	85
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	80	84	85
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	28	-	-
Peaches Harvested	47	79	76
Potatoes Harvested	21	15	18
Soybean Blooming	94	100	100
Soybean Setting Pods	80	100	100
Tobacco Cut	11	-	-

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 17th, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	3	7	76	14
Topsoil	1	9	77	13

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	2	6	18	49	25
Corn	1	3	16	47	33
Pasture and Range	4	4	36	39	17
Peaches	2	1	27	42	28
Quality of Hay Made	3	7	28	31	31
Soybean	0	2	14	61	23

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August 17, 2014 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	81	44	62	-7	1.84	4	26.54	+5.95	73	1589	-25	2833
	Erie	82	51	68	-5	1.00	3	17.29	+0.88	57	1925	+43	3170
	Franklin_AG	85	47	65	-6	1.39	3	29.39	+9.74	75	1775	+10	3043
	Meadville-Port	83	47	65	-4	1.91	3	24.43	+6.27	71	1819	+188	3102
	Springboro	83	44	63	-7	1.58	4	26.31	+9.31	68	1569	-112	2774
	Warren	83	46	63	-7	2.14	3	25.92	+6.80	68	1675	-7	2918
North Central	Bradford_Region	79	38	61	-5	2.08	4	23.61	+4.41	61	1386	+80	2578
	Coudersport_1SW	81	41	59	-7	1.49	4	24.98	+6.24	70	1337	-40	2482
	Kane	79	39	58	-6	2.67	3	30.94	11.42	65	1305	+158	2479
	Laporte	77	48	62	-7	2.83	4	24.33	+7.67	63	1422	-55	2592
	Lock_Haven	85	47	65	-7	2.25	4	19.57	+1.39	58	1883	+1	3156
	Oswayo	80	44	60	-6	1.25	3	22.77	+4.95	56	1300	-36	2439
	Renovo	84	47	65	-6	1.63	4	19.98	+3.10	66	1852	-22	3133
	Ridgway	82	43	62	-5	2.36	4	25.89	+6.43	70	1569	+185	2796
	Stevenson_Dam	82	46	63	-7	1.26	2	18.52	+0.25	59	1618	-79	2825
	Towanda	83	46	63	-7	1.34	3	14.35	-0.58	51	1696	-28	2919
	Wellsboro	80	42	60	-6	1.76	4	18.62	+3.26	66	1388	+47	2562
Williamsport_AP	86	50	68	-4	4.54	4	20.37	+2.77	58	2129	+161	3433	
Northeast	Hawley	82	45	63	-5	1.17	4	21.34	+3.87	58	1560	+63	2756
	Milanville	83	46	64	-4	1.38	4	19.71	+2.24	54	1724	+227	2956
	Susquehanna	83	48	64	-5	1.06	4	17.54	-0.38	59	1645	+51	2853
	Wilkes-Barre	88	50	68	-3	1.99	4	12.72	-3.59	48	2096	+169	3379
West Central	Butler	83	45	64	-6	2.07	4	25.78	+7.15	68	1753	+81	3044
	New_Castle_Ag	85	47	66	-5	1.43	3	23.15	+5.97	70	1982	+129	3282
	Slippery_Rock	83	45	65	-2	1.54	5	27.42	+8.79	70	1924	+403	3222
Central	Altoona_AP	82	47	65	-6	0.99	3	21.20	+4.98	58	1928	+14	3236
	Du_Bois	80	43	63	-6	2.00	4	23.60	+5.11	65	1824	+204	3109
	Lewistown	85	48	66	-6	0.90	3	22.66	+4.78	56	2047	+44	3355
	Middletown	87	54	71	-5	3.06	2	22.54	+5.73	53	2442	+111	3792
	Prince_Gallitzi	81	42	63	-6	2.17	3	19.83	+3.39	67	1679	-5	2934
	Selinsgrove_2S	86	48	66	-6	3.31	3	20.23	+2.50	56	1968	+19	3248
	State_College_P	82	50	65	-6	1.42	4	25.20	+8.69	64	1887	+37	3178
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	87	50	69	-3	0.89	3	21.75	+3.16	49	2217	+200	3525
	Lehighton	85	49	65	-5	1.87	3	23.18	+2.65	61	1809	+58	3080
	Mt_Pocono	80	46	64	-3	1.39	4	19.13	-0.50	50	1586	+279	2813
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	84	49	67	-3	1.21	3	20.60	+3.90	61	2309	+489	3662
	Chalk_Hill	81	39	62	-6	2.35	4	23.63	+0.71	70	1620	-2	2866
	Connellsville_A	84	47	66	-5	1.58	3	24.94	+5.69	66	2038	+87	3352
	Indiana_3SE	82	45	64	-7	2.01	5	22.68	+2.35	74	1735	-91	3015
	Meyersdale	81	40	61	-7	0.99	3	18.80	+0.22	63	1463	-84	2689
	Pittsburgh_Intl	84	48	67	-5	1.89	3	19.91	+3.16	62	2157	+139	3496
	Waynesburg	84	45	66	-6	1.10	3	16.67	-0.62	62	1908	+51	3210
South Central	Biglerville	84	48	68	-5	1.24	2	20.63	+3.21	46	2202	+212	3523
	Everett	83	41	62	-8	0.79	3	16.75	+0.29	60	1624	-171	2876
	Hanover	83	47	67	-8	0.97	2	21.23	+6.25	55	2080	-218	3399
	Harrisburg_AP	84	50	68	-7	1.87	2	22.31	+5.50	53	2237	-94	3577
	South_Mountain	79	46	63	-10	1.36	2	21.12	+1.60	55	1704	-434	2973
	York_AP	85	46	67	-7	1.10	2	17.81	+0.25	55	2136	-114	3458
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	86	52	69	-7	0.41	1	19.30	-0.04	45	2169	-234	3481
	Green_Lane	86	52	69	-4	0.79	4	22.39	+4.44	49	2173	+164	3485
	Hamburg	86	50	68	-5	1.80	3	23.98	+4.46	55	2095	-5	3400
	Lancaster_AP	83	50	68	-6	1.13	3	21.45	+3.72	53	2164	-13	3486
	Neshaminy_Falls	84	51	69	-6	0.75	3	20.20	-0.70	50	2260	+40	3582
	New_Holland	82	53	69	-3	1.84	3	24.82	+5.51	53	2285	+312	3620
	Philadelphia_AP	88	60	74	-4	1.33	2	21.47	+4.30	42	2704	+177	4069
	Philadelphia_NE	89	57	73	-2	0.69	2	20.56	-0.34	50	2630	+410	3984
	Reading_AP	88	52	70	-4	1.50	4	20.27	+1.75	53	2379	+171	3720
	Sellersville	87	48	67	-6	0.54	2	23.66	+3.25	48	1980	-91	3269
West_Chester	89	49	68	-6	2.09	4	21.29	+2.18	57	2146	-66	3450	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 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 received a much needed rainfall Monday night to start the week and continued into Wednesday morning. Overall rainfall was around 2 inches of rain with ½ inch Monday night into Tuesday morning and then another 1.5 inches Tuesday morning till Wednesday morning. This rain is beneficial to all crops in the county whether it is grain, hay or fruit and vegetable crops. Morning temperatures beginning of week were in the low 60's then daytime into the 80's but Wednesday daytime only got to 68 degrees after it cleared from rain. Thursday and Friday mornings started out 53 and 56 degrees almost like fall temperatures and yesterday got into the 70's. Today is sunny blue skies so far with cooler temperatures predicted for the weekend. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Some corn doesn't look good and producers are contacting their crop insurance folks about having corn appraised so when need be will be able to cut corn silage. All depends if you are in area that had been receiving rainfall but some areas were missing the rains so that's where corn doesn't look too good. Need some warm weather for crops to continue as temperatures feel like fall temps. Soybeans that were planted early are looking pretty good but double-cropped soybeans are still pretty short with some only being 3 inches or so tall. Producers are hoping in that event for a late frost and hopefully the soybeans come along in growing. Hay continues to be made when weather permits. Oats are maturing and some early oats will be harvested soon and since planting season for Oats was stretched out will be maturing different times. Fruit crops continue to size and mature. Recent rains are helping with the crop. Stink bugs are apparent in the county and affecting fruit crops. Early apples being harvested and peaches continue to be harvested. All crops are a little later being harvested as that is the norm for the year with all crops.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Apple harvest is started on Gingergold apples. Size and quality is generally good.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Showers and cool weather has helped all crops in the past two weeks. Peaches are still coming up short and early apples are as well. Quality is excellent though. Corn, beans and hay all look great for this time of the year.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Growing conditions continue to be good, could use a little more warm sunshine. 1.8 inches of rainfall this past week.

CLARION / FOREST / VENANGO Counties, Tom Tanner
Harvesting oats. Soybeans are in bloom and podding. Corn for grain is slowly maturing.

COLUMBIA County, John Yocum

Received 1.75 inches of rain this past week. Very timely rain for corn and soybean.

ERIE County, Nancy Lewis

Corn on heavier ground is four weeks behind. Corn on better soil is one week behind. Soybeans are one week behind.

INDIANA County, J Scott Overdorff

This past week it rained about 1 ¼ inches. Finished up combining the oats this weekend. The corn is looking real good where the deer have not been working on it. The soy beans are growing nicely too. The first planted ones are starting to blossom. Still have about 10 acres of alfalfa hay to cut. This week's forecast does not look promising. Hope everyone has a safe farming week!

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Heavy rains on Tuesday in the range of three to seven inches caused minor flooding and extensive lodging of soybeans, and also curtailed most field activities for the week.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Tobacco harvest is in full swing this week. Corn is starting to dent and pods are filling on full season soybeans. Some Gray leaf spot in lower corn canopy. Timely rains last week have crops looking very good overall.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Hay harvesting continued at full speed during the week. Hay quality was excellent this week - low humidity and lots of sun and air movement. Local Amish farmers thrashed oats during the week. Local produce markets and auctions are selling high quality produce.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Cool, dry, fall-like week with temperatures dipping into the 40's. Crops and hay making progressing.

YORK County, John Rowehl

A good area-wide rain brightened prospects for corn and soybeans.

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