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# Crop Progress & Condition



Pennsylvania

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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work last week. The average height of emerged corn was 91 inches. A rather dry week provided perfect opportunities for bailing hay as well as harvesting oats and the beginnings of corn for silage. The weather also helped corn and soybeans progress and show improvement in what has proven a slow year for both crops so far. A milder forecast this week suggests temperatures in the high 70s to high 80s with a chance for thunderstorms early this weekend. Expected field activities for this week include haymaking, bailing straw and spraying.

**PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 31st, 2014**  
(equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1	16	74	9
Topsoil	1	18	71	10

**Crop Condition (in %):**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	3	5	17	49	26
Corn	1	2	15	58	24
Pasture and Range	4	6	34	40	16
Quality of Hay Made	4	7	20	33	36
Soybean	0	1	12	58	29

**Crop Progress (in %):**

	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	93	100	100
Alfalfa 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	70	88	92
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	40	33	34
Apples Harvested	24	39	40
Corn Milk	84	100	100
Corn Dough	57	87	80
Corn Dent	32	49	45
Corn Harvested for Silage	15	12	20
Fall Tillage	5	-	-
Oats Mature	93	100	100
Oats Harvested	84	98	97
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	86	94	92
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	51	-	-
Peaches Harvested	63	91	90
Potatoes Harvested	25	32	29
Soybean Setting Pods	92	100	100
Tobacco Cut	56	-	-

## September 1, 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	84	46	67	+2	0.65	3	28.16	+5.51	82	1845	+1	3229
	Erie	91	54	73	+5	0.01	1	18.00	-0.49	60	2234	+76	3619
	Franklin_AG	88	50	68	+1	0.55	1	31.38	+9.85	81	2052	+35	3460
	Meadville-Port	85	49	69	+4	0.30	1	26.47	+6.30	77	2100	+232	3523
	Springboro	85	47	66	+1	0.06	1	27.92	+9.22	73	1806	-108	3151
	Warren	86	48	67	0	0.07	1	27.08	+5.91	74	1937	+11	3320
North Central	Bradford_Region	81	40	64	+2	0.11	1	25.24	+4.15	64	1608	+117	2940
	Coudersport_1SW	83	43	63	0	0.07	2	27.17	+6.57	76	1543	-25	2828
	Kane	82	39	62	+2	0.09	1	32.55	10.93	70	1479	+171	2793
	Laporte	80	46	63	-3	0.00	0	25.97	+7.61	67	1617	-73	2927
	Lock_Haven	88	49	68	-1	0.00	0	20.53	+0.53	62	2148	+4	3561
	Oswayo	82	45	63	+1	0.35	2	23.35	+3.79	60	1506	-22	2785
	Renovo	87	48	67	-2	0.00	0	20.63	+2.11	70	2106	-26	3527
	Ridgway	85	45	65	+2	0.15	1	26.82	+5.54	76	1813	+227	3180
	Stevenson_Dam	86	48	66	-2	0.44	1	19.41	-0.70	64	1864	-82	3211
	Towanda	83	48	65	-2	0.00	0	15.18	-1.15	55	1929	-39	3292
	Wellsboro	83	43	63	-1	0.00	0	20.36	+3.65	70	1579	+46	2893
Williamsport_AP	90	50	70	+2	0.00	0	21.43	+2.24	61	2415	+175	3859	
Northeast	Hawley	85	45	64	-1	0.02	1	23.49	+4.41	63	1758	+45	3094
	Milanville	87	46	67	+2	0.02	1	20.45	+1.37	57	1950	+237	3322
	Susquehanna	83	47	66	0	0.00	0	18.83	-0.91	63	1871	+50	3219
	Wilkes-Barre	88	50	70	+3	0.33	1	14.21	-3.57	52	2382	+192	3805
West Central	Butler	86	47	67	+1	0.43	2	27.36	+6.90	74	2030	+121	3461
	New_Castle_Ag	92	50	70	+3	0.39	1	25.50	+6.69	75	2294	+179	3734
	Slippery_Rock	87	47	68	+3	0.42	2	29.37	+8.92	77	2216	+476	3654
Central	Altoona_AP	86	48	68	0	0.22	1	23.21	+5.71	63	2196	+20	3644
	Du_Bois	83	45	66	+2	0.43	1	28.42	+8.08	69	2072	+225	3497
	Lewistown	88	50	68	-2	0.00	0	24.65	+5.33	62	2314	+34	3762
	Middletown	89	56	73	+2	0.00	0	22.80	+4.45	56	2772	+127	4262
	Prince_Gallitzi	84	42	65	-2	0.33	2	21.83	+3.68	74	1910	-7	3305
	Selinsgrove_2S	90	49	69	0	0.17	1	20.67	+1.15	60	2238	+20	3658
	State_College_P	86	51	66	-2	0.40	1	27.66	+9.56	70	2131	+26	3562
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	89	51	71	+3	0.00	0	22.64	+2.07	53	2512	+219	3960
	Lehighton	83	52	67	-1	0.00	0	23.72	+1.07	65	2062	+63	3473
	Mt_Pocono	84	47	65	+3	0.05	1	20.26	-1.29	54	1792	+294	3159
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	88	52	71	+4	0.95	2	22.61	+4.46	67	2622	+548	4115
	Chalk_Hill	85	42	64	-2	0.14	1	28.30	+3.50	75	1858	+14	3244
	Connellsville_A	89	53	70	+3	0.58	3	27.49	+6.56	75	2352	+132	3806
	Indiana_3SE	88	47	68	+2	0.58	2	24.19	+2.02	80	2017	-63	3437
	Meyersdale	85	45	63	-3	0.00	0	20.21	-0.09	68	1694	-75	3060
	Pittsburgh_Intl	88	50	71	+2	0.57	2	22.39	+4.12	68	2470	+175	3949
	Waynesburg	89	50	69	+1	0.21	1	18.64	-0.38	69	2204	+87	3646
South Central	Biglerville	88	51	69	0	0.00	0	22.20	+3.16	50	2490	+223	3951
	Everett	89	44	66	-2	0.00	0	17.25	-0.62	63	1863	-183	3255
	Hanover	87	49	69	-3	0.00	0	21.93	+5.37	59	2358	-246	3817
	Harrisburg_AP	88	52	71	-2	0.00	0	22.91	+4.56	57	2535	-110	4015
	South_Mountain	82	47	65	-6	0.00	0	22.19	+0.74	59	1938	-484	3347
York_AP	87	47	69	-2	0.00	0	19.10	-0.07	59	2418	-134	3880	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	88	54	70	-3	0.00	0	20.62	-0.71	48	2462	-265	3914
	Green_Lane	88	53	70	+2	0.00	0	22.94	+3.03	52	2460	+176	3912
	Hamburg	88	54	70	-1	0.00	0	25.45	+4.22	59	2372	-14	3817
	Lancaster_AP	88	51	70	-1	0.00	0	21.47	+2.17	54	2456	-23	3918
	Neshaminy_Falls	90	52	72	+1	0.22	1	21.70	-1.38	54	2565	+36	4027
	New_Holland	90	52	72	+4	0.92	1	25.82	+4.76	56	2597	+349	4072
	Philadelphia_AP	90	60	75	+2	0.00	0	21.80	+2.92	44	3057	+181	4562
	Philadelphia_NE	91	58	74	+4	0.00	0	20.90	-2.18	54	2969	+440	4463
	Reading_AP	89	53	72	+2	0.00	0	21.25	+1.01	57	2693	+184	4174
	Sellersville	88	55	72	+2	0.00	0	24.39	+2.07	51	2268	-90	3697
West_Chester	90	49	69	-2	0.00	0	21.53	+0.68	60	2435	-77	3879	

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 started the week with morning temperatures around 58-60 degrees. Most days got into the 80's. Thursday was 90 daytime and hot and humid. Light shower around 9pm Wednesday evening but no accumulation. Thursday morning temperature 70 and sunny and blue skies and into the 80's. Friday was 80's and sun and clouds at times. Weekend had a little shower but no accumulation. Corn and soybeans continue to grow. Some early corn is starting to have leaves dry down. Some corn doesn't look too good as the field can have different stages of corn within that same field due to different germination infields. Later corn needs some more heat and days before the first frost comes. Early soybeans are looking pretty good and have pods on them. Later soybeans also need some heat and some additional days before first frost. Hay continues to be made as we have not had a dry period so it keeps growing. Some field preparation has been completed and also new seedings of hay and small grains are being planted. Apples and peaches continue to be harvested. Peaches will probably have a few more weeks and then be done. Nice flavor this year and pretty decent crop. Apples are looking good with more varieties now ready since we are in September. Stinkbugs are apparent in the fruit crops. Vegetables are still doing well and providing fresh veggies for all to enjoy. Overall producers still busy with fieldwork. Preparing for new seedings, getting equipment ready for corn and soybean harvest but are hoping that isn't needed for a little more time before frost. Crops all look pretty decent for the year.

### **ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr**

Good week for start of corn silage harvest. yields appear to be about normal at this time. Maturity is advance rapidly and producers are getting equipment ready for fall harvest. Peach harvest quality is still excellent and prices are very strong for the producers. Some apples are now being harvested for processing.

### **ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER/ County, Luke Fritz**

Good week for field work. Corn producers are becoming concerned about the lack of maturity with the crop so far this summer.

### **CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO Counties, Tom Tanner**

Many acres of oats harvested this past week along with several acres of first, second, third, and fourth crop hay.

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

Dry week, Good week for making hay.

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

Becoming dry again.

### **MERCER County, Jim Rust**

We received 1.1 inches of rainfall during this Labor Day weekend. Hay balers were going full speed last week as we had 5 days of excellent hay harvesting weather. The Great Stoneboro Fair (Mercer County PA) and the Canfield Fair (Mahoning County OHIO) are two local county fairs that are reporting outstanding increases in fair attendance – the economy must be improving!

### **LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill**

Timely rain will help finish out the early corn and soybeans.

### **LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler**

A busy week for hay making. Some rain showers occurred at various locations in the county. Soybean pods are filling out. Temperatures have been unusually cool for August.

### **YORK County, John Rowehl**

Hot and dry weather is accelerating silage corn dry-down. Soybeans beginning to change yellow.

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