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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 92 inches. Cool, dry weather provided good opportunities for harvesting hay and corn silage. Corn continues to mature well but soybeans in particular, matured rapidly with many having already podded and some even dropping leaves. Barely is being planted along with winter wheat. Peach harvests are nearly completed while Apple harvests continue steadily with good results. Forecasts predict another cool, mostly cloudy week with temperatures slowly rising as we approach the weekend. Expected field activities for this week include spreading manure, fall planting, silo filing and machine maintenance.

**PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 14th, 2014
(equal to 100%)**

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Subsoil	1	14	77	8
Topsoil	1	19	74	6

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	3	6	13	41	37
Corn	0	2	16	54	28
Pasture and Range	4	9	31	40	16
Quality of Hay Made	1	5	25	38	31
Soybeans	0	2	10	56	32

Crop Progress (in %):

	Sept 14 th	Last Year	5-year Average
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	84	94	95
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	54	48	57
Apples Harvested	35	54	52
Barley Planted	15	23	15
Corn Milk	95	100	100
Corn Dent	68	69	71
Corn Mature	24	26	26
Corn Harvested for Silage	42	34	44
Fall Tillage	28	-	-
Grapes Harvested	6	13	12
Oats Harvested	96	99	99
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	92	100	100
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	65	-	-
Peaches Harvested	81	95	96
Potatoes Harvested	46	57	46
Soybeans Fully Podded	37	-	-
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	18	-	-
Tobacco Cut	78	-	-
Winter Wheat Planted	9	10	6

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September 14, 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	80	43	61	-2	0.89	4	30.44	+5.45	91	2071	+47	3595
	Erie	82	45	64	-2	0.57	1	19.99	-0.74	66	2496	+108	4021
	Franklin_AG	82	45	63	-1	0.76	3	33.98	10.36	88	2298	+77	3846
	Meadville-Port	78	49	62	-2	0.77	3	28.53	+6.26	85	2329	+271	3892
	Springboro	79	43	61	-2	0.85	3	29.74	+9.01	80	2027	-71	3512
	Warren	81	48	62	-2	0.65	3	29.20	+5.94	82	2169	+48	3692
North Central	Bradford_Region	74	43	59	0	0.73	3	27.41	+4.26	72	1799	+174	3271
	Coudersport_ISW	74	42	58	-2	0.55	4	28.97	+6.41	85	1728	+21	3153
	Kane	76	44	60	+3	0.64	3	34.61	10.90	78	1687	+270	3141
	Laporte	73	43	57	-5	0.62	3	27.56	+7.38	73	1800	-48	3249
	Lock_Haven	82	42	63	-3	0.58	3	21.84	-0.05	68	2405	+47	3958
	Oswayo	73	40	57	-4	0.56	3	25.76	+4.24	68	1679	+11	3098
	Renovo	77	44	63	-2	1.06	4	22.99	+2.65	78	2352	+14	3913
	Ridgway	78	41	60	0	0.92	3	28.61	+5.40	84	2023	+286	3530
	Stevenson_Dam	75	43	60	-4	0.92	4	21.22	-0.85	72	2085	-57	3572
	Towanda	80	45	61	-2	0.22	2	16.95	-0.98	60	2158	+1	3661
	Wellsboro	74	40	58	-3	0.70	3	22.77	+4.53	77	1761	+87	3215
	Williamsport_AP	83	45	65	+2	0.57	2	22.39	+1.33	66	2699	+240	4283
Northeast	Hawley	79	43	59	-3	0.53	2	24.59	+3.69	68	1968	+93	3444
	Milanville	81	42	61	-1	0.52	2	21.09	+0.19	60	2181	+306	3692
	Susquehanna	77	44	60	-2	0.44	2	20.42	-1.14	67	2092	+97	3580
	Wilkes-Barre	80	47	63	-2	0.28	2	14.89	-4.68	57	2655	+255	4218
West Central	Butler	81	40	62	-2	0.33	2	28.65	+6.23	80	2263	+165	3834
	New_Castle_Ag	84	43	64	-2	0.55	2	26.84	+6.21	81	2559	+224	4139
	Slippery_Rock	85	41	64	+3	0.50	2	30.68	+8.28	84	2477	+562	4055
Central	Altoona_AP	77	41	64	-1	0.17	2	23.65	+4.71	69	2457	+68	4045
	Du_Bois	75	40	61	-2	0.47	4	29.66	+7.36	78	2288	+265	3853
	Lewistown	84	45	65	-1	0.48	4	26.46	+5.47	69	2595	+88	4183
	Middletown	84	48	68	+1	0.25	2	23.41	+3.32	61	3102	+193	4732
	Prince_Gallitzi	76	37	62	-1	0.33	4	22.90	+2.84	82	2144	+43	3679
	Selinsgrove_2S	84	44	64	-1	0.36	1	21.87	+0.40	64	2509	+74	4069
	State_College_P	78	44	62	-2	0.52	4	28.82	+8.96	78	2378	+74	3949
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	83	47	67	+3	0.48	2	23.90	+1.23	57	2819	+305	4407
	Lehighton	76	48	63	-1	0.35	2	24.49	-0.36	69	2321	+129	3872
	Mt_Pocono	76	46	61	+3	0.47	2	21.11	-2.79	58	2020	+388	3527
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	83	43	65	+1	0.18	4	23.46	+3.67	75	2897	+613	4530
	Chalk_Hill	81	42	63	+2	0.41	4	29.40	+2.47	83	2096	+77	3622
	Connellsville_A	86	44	65	-1	0.61	3	29.02	+6.36	83	2630	+184	4224
	Indiana_3SE	82	42	63	-2	0.31	5	25.76	+1.51	90	2263	-27	3823
	Meyersdale	78	38	60	-2	0.23	3	21.25	-0.81	76	1915	-29	3421
	Pittsburgh_Intl	83	42	65	-2	0.10	3	23.23	+3.38	75	2737	+211	4356
	Waynesburg	84	41	63	-2	0.22	3	19.62	-1.01	77	2462	+129	4044
South Central	Biglerville	84	45	66	+1	0.20	2	23.07	+1.90	53	2784	+292	4385
	Everett	80	39	62	-2	0.25	2	17.68	-1.69	68	2113	-137	3645
	Hanover	84	41	64	-4	0.16	2	23.47	+5.14	64	2647	-215	4246
	Harrisburg_AP	83	46	68	0	0.25	1	23.38	+3.29	61	2852	-57	4472
	South_Mountain	76	40	61	-6	0.27	3	22.87	-0.88	65	2189	-477	3738
	York_AP	85	41	65	-3	0.15	2	20.16	-0.94	64	2705	-104	4307
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	83	47	66	-3	0.51	1	21.77	-1.79	51	2771	-230	4363
	Green_Lane	83	48	66	+2	0.30	1	24.07	+2.11	56	2762	+251	4354
	Hamburg	82	46	65	-2	0.30	1	26.62	+3.26	62	2655	+37	4240
	Lancaster_AP	84	46	66	-2	0.17	2	22.43	+1.11	61	2756	+26	4358
	Neshaminy_Falls	85	46	67	-1	0.39	1	22.28	-3.18	58	2876	+87	4478
	New_Holland	84	44	66	0	0.36	1	26.96	+3.72	60	2896	+421	4511
	Philadelphia_AP	84	53	71	+1	0.36	1	23.47	+2.70	48	3428	+251	5073
	Philadelphia_NE	87	51	71	+4	0.34	1	21.77	-3.69	59	3333	+544	4967
	Reading_AP	85	46	67	-1	0.24	1	22.76	+0.46	62	3008	+247	4629
	Sellersville	82	48	66	0	0.36	1	25.77	+1.25	55	2550	-46	4119
West_Chester	83	46	66	-2	0.45	2	23.47	+0.39	65	2735	-27	4319	

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 off with morning temperature at 55 degrees and cloudy then got to higher 70's daytime. Tuesday morning was 62 degrees with some showers but no accumulation and high 70's later in day when sun came out. Wednesday was 68 morning temperature and got into the 80's and humid. Thursday morning was 70 and humid but cloudy then sunny afternoon then early evening dark clouds but no rain but around mid 80's. Today is 57 morning temperature with sunny blue skies. Feels like Fall season already. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Corn silage harvest has begun in the county this week. Some corn and soybeans still need some time till they are matured. Some corn stalks you can see the ears starting to drop to start drying down. Forage crop seedings and barley seedings are being done in the county. Some wheat has been seeded but more to go when corn and soybeans are harvested from fields. Hay continues to be made as the rains we have had majority of the summer has kept the hay crop regrowth good. Some other tillage has been done for anticipating seeding crops this fall. Peach harvest is winding down and has about another week for harvesting. Decent yields have been reported. Flavor has been pretty good. Some stink bug damage to fruit is apparent. Apples continue to be harvested with more varieties coming to harvest now. Decent yields are being reported. Producers are finding harvest will be a little harder this year as there is a shortage of pickers. Vegetables continue to do well and are available in the county. Overall the producers are keeping busy with fieldwork of all sorts going on. Also readying equipment for corn and soybean harvest season. Days are getting shorter with daylight disappearing. Most crops are having nice yields being harvested so far this year.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Good week to finish corn silage harvest. Peaches are almost finished.

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER/ County, Luke Fritz

Corn silage harvest is starting. Cover crop and barley are being planted. Still many producers hoping to harvest hay yet this month. Fall harvest of corn and soy looks to be 3 weeks later than normal.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good field work conditions, some corn silage put up. Soil moisture remains good. 1/2 inch of rainfall for the week.

CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO Counties, Tom Tanner

Some corn silage harvested.

COLUMBIA County, John Yocum

Received 0.75" rain. Helps, but not enough.

INDIANA County, Scott Overdorff

The ground is still pretty dry, both the sub-soil and top soil I think. Still could use some rain to build up the water table. The corn is maturing nicely. Should have some nice corn for shelling and ear picking. Although there has been deer damage in some of the fields. Made some decent hay 1st cutting and some better hay 2nd cutting. The quality is not the greatest but it should keep the animals going through the winter. The soy beans are doing real nice this year. The leaves should be starting to drop in the next few weeks. The oats this year was average yield. May try to do some fall plowing this year if we have time before the soy beans and corn get ready to harvest. Hope everyone has a safe farming week!

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

A very nice gentle rain fell throughout the area on Saturday and replenished the topsoil moisture. All crops are looking good with the fall harvest beginning. Recently seeded cover crops have emerged and are looking good. Main activities for the week were spreading manure, preparations for fall plantings, silo filling and machine maintenance.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Early soybeans have shed their leaves in many fields. Weather cooperating we may see some harvested this week. Silage about 50% finished and tobacco harvest is winding down. Expect to see high moisture corn harvest this week.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

Warm weather for much of the week with rain toward the end. Soybeans are changing rapidly. Corn silage harvest continues.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Lots of third cutting hay baled with lots of hay preservative - a sure sign of pre-winter activities. Gala, Paula Reds, Ginger Gold and Honeycrisp apples are picked locally. Received 1.3 inches of rainfall during the past week.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Dry week allowed for some hay harvest. Corn and soybeans progressing well. Could use some rain.

YORK County, John Rowehl

Corn grain harvest underway. Initial reports indicate very good yields and quality

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