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Poor Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 2.0 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures for the state averaged between 34-50 degrees(F) with scattered rains throughout the week. A late spring has resulted in ground that is too cold and wet for field activities to begin in earnest. A few reports of manure and fertilizer spreading in addition to some post-winter repairs and maintenance.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 5, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	13	80	7
Subsoil	0	7	73	20

April 5, 2015 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	66	16	38	-4	0.93	5	0.83	+0.23	3	0	0	12
	Erie	70	25	42	0	1.13	4	0.97	+0.42	3	7	+7	24
	Franklin_AG	69	15	38	-4	1.05	5	0.96	+0.38	3	0	0	13
	Meadville-Port	64	27	42	+2	1.12	5	1.05	+0.50	3	6	+6	28
	Springboro	64	15	39	-2	0.80	4	0.74	+0.26	3	3	+3	18
	Titusville	64	12	37	-4	0.93	5	0.87	+0.27	3	0	0	8
	Warren	66	12	37	-4	1.02	4	0.98	+0.38	3	0	0	17
North Central	Bradford_Region	61	19	36	-3	1.16	5	1.11	+0.51	3	2	+2	14
	Coudersport_1SW	64	12	35	-5	1.27	4	1.14	+0.64	3	0	0	11
	Kane	66	2	36	-2	0.94	4	0.88	+0.23	3	0	0	15
	Laporte	58	12	34	-7	0.98	5	0.93	+0.37	3	0	0	7
	Lock_Haven	69	17	39	-4	0.94	4	0.89	+0.34	3	0	0	20
	Oswayo	62	4	33	-6	0.68	5	0.52	+0.02	3	0	0	12
	Renovo	66	14	39	-5	1.35	4	1.30	+0.75	3	0	0	18
	Ridgway	66	9	36	-4	1.07	4	1.01	+0.44	3	0	0	12
	Stevenson_Dam	65	11	37	-4	1.64	3	1.64	+1.06	3	0	0	13
	Towanda	65	16	38	-4	0.59	5	0.56	+0.06	4	1	+1	17
	Wellsboro	61	11	36	-3	0.84	5	0.76	+0.36	3	0	0	13
	Williamsport_AP	67	26	43	-2	0.74	3	0.74	+0.19	3	9	+9	29
Northeast	Hawley	63	18	36	-5	0.61	2	0.61	+0.03	2	0	0	8
	Milanville	65	19	35	-6	0.26	6	0.22	-0.36	4	0	0	8
	Susquehanna	63	14	37	-5	0.88	4	0.81	+0.17	3	0	0	15
	Wilkes-Barre	66	22	42	-2	0.80	2	0.80	+0.30	2	9	+9	28
West Central	Butler	66	10	39	-4	1.38	5	1.34	+0.79	3	0	0	12
	New_Castle_Ag	65	14	41	-3	1.18	5	1.12	+0.59	3	0	0	15
	Slippery_Rock	70	14	41	-1	0.80	5	0.76	+0.16	3	2	+2	18
Central	Altoona_AP	67	27	45	0	0.32	3	0.32	-0.21	3	10	+10	34
	Du_Bois	70	27	43	+2	0.96	4	0.94	+0.34	3	10	+10	29
	Elizabethville	69	17	44	-1	0.29	2	0.29	-0.31	2	3	+3	30
	Lewistown	68	21	44	-2	0.29	3	0.29	-0.26	3	5	+5	29
	Middletown	68	28	47	0	0.20	2	0.20	-0.35	2	17	+10	47
	Prince_Gallitzi	67	11	38	-5	0.55	3	0.55	+0.00	3	0	0	12
	Selinsgrove_2S	67	19	40	-4	0.49	3	0.49	-0.11	3	4	+4	21
	State_College_P	68	18	41	-2	0.81	5	0.78	+0.23	3	1	+1	23
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	67	26	45	+1	0.48	2	0.48	-0.08	2	15	+15	37
	Lehighon	66	23	40	-3	0.74	2	0.74	+0.09	2	6	+6	20
	Mt_Pocono	58	25	39	+2	0.80	5	0.76	+0.06	3	3	+3	21
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	69	28	47	+5	0.52	3	0.51	+0.01	2	12	+12	47
	Chalk_Hill	70	15	43	-1	0.81	3	0.75	-0.05	2	2	+2	29
	Connellsville_A	76	13	44	-2	0.67	4	0.64	+0.04	3	5	+5	32
	Indiana_3SE	73	10	41	-5	0.72	3	0.70	+0.05	2	2	+2	22
	Meyersdale	71	10	40	-1	0.42	3	0.41	-0.23	2	0	0	18
	Pittsburgh_Intl	69	26	47	+3	0.79	3	0.77	+0.27	2	11	+11	46
	Waynesburg	69	15	43	-2	0.55	3	0.50	-0.05	2	2	+2	26
South Central	Biglerville	68	23	45	+2	0.36	3	0.36	-0.24	3	4	+4	34
	Everett	69	19	43	-1	0.35	3	0.35	-0.18	3	2	+2	27
	Hanover	68	23	45	-2	0.23	4	0.23	-0.35	4	7	+2	38
	Harrisburg_AP	69	28	47	0	0.43	2	0.43	-0.12	2	18	+11	47
	South_Mountain	64	17	42	-6	0.41	3	0.41	-0.24	3	2	-4	24
	York_AP	69	22	47	-1	0.24	3	0.24	-0.36	3	19	+13	45
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	65	24	43	-5	0.30	2	0.30	-0.35	2	6	-1	31
	Green_Lane	65	24	44	-2	0.18	2	0.18	-0.42	2	5	+5	30
	Hamburg	65	25	43	-3	0.46	2	0.46	-0.11	2	5	+5	26
	Lancaster_AP	67	28	46	0	0.14	3	0.14	-0.41	3	14	+11	43
	Neshaminy_Falls	66	26	46	0	0.29	3	0.13	-0.52	2	11	+8	45
	New_Holland	65	29	49	+4	0.18	3	0.16	-0.44	2	12	+12	55
	Philadelphia_AP	67	34	50	+2	0.18	2	0.18	-0.42	2	19	+9	63
	Philadelphia_NE	68	32	49	+4	0.28	2	0.28	-0.37	2	22	+19	59
	Reading_AP	67	28	46	0	0.31	2	0.31	-0.29	2	17	+14	44
	Sellersville	65	23	42	-4	0.25	2	0.25	-0.40	2	5	+5	24
West_Chester	66	24	43	-4	0.06	2	0.06	-0.57	2	5	0	24	

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 week of pretty decent weather. Some mornings were pretty cold with heavy frost but warmed to 40's. Wednesday and Thursday daytime temperatures were in the 50-60's. Some rain received during the night and this morning and more forecasted for today. Temperatures are below normal for this time of the year. Soils are still pretty wet and need warm temperatures and sunshine to help improve field conditions. Producers are trying to top dress their wheat and forage crops but have to be choosy about where they try to get into fields because they do not want to rut up the fields to make things rough for harvesting crops later. Small grains are greening up and grasses are now starting to show changes in the color. Spring planting season will be later this year due to field conditions and soil temperatures. Apples continue to be pruned throughout the county. Seems like the seasons will be later this year for fruit. Other fruit trees will soon be pushing bloom and will be at a critical time for producers. Overall the producers are busy readying their equipment that they will be using this Spring. Everything will need to be done all at the same time with the late Spring.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

It has been a cold spring, but moisture to date is less than normal. Fruit trees have not begun to show any damage, but last month's cold weather should have some effect on the trees and/or buds. Alfalfa is being planted in the high dry soils, and manure hauling is the main field work at this time. Some chisel plowing has been done in the southern part of the county.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Fields too wet yet for tillage. Some manure hauling did take place on drier fields.

CENTRE County, Dick A Decker

Cold weather and soil conditions have resulted in a slow start of spring field work. Limited manure hauling and nitrogen application has occurred to date.

CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO/WARREN Counties, Tom Tanner

Many farm operators are spreading lime, manure, and other fertilizers. Many are also replacing roofs from winter snow damage.

CRAWFORD County, Ron McCorkle

Field conditions in Crawford County are extremely wet from the snow melt and recent rains. There has been no field work attempted to date other than some manure spreading on frozen ground. It will take a series of warm and windy days to make field conditions workable.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer

The winter grain fields are beginning to green up with some winter annuals showing up also. Most fields are too wet to do any significant field work, chopping stalks and spreading fertilizer and manure is about all that has been done.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Still too cold and wet to get anything started yet in Lackawanna. That should change in the next few weeks!

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Very little field activity this past week. Dairy farmers are spreading manure. The Amish have been plowing mainly sod ground.

MONGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Still too wet for any field work. More green is visible this week than last in small grains and pastures.