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

Temperatures reported with an average of 56(F) with a high of 83(F) and a low of 24(F). Despite some reported rains, last week was considerably drier than the previous week allowing for many more field work opportunities such as seeding of alfalfa, oats and barely as well as corn despite cool soil temperatures. Other activities included burn down and herbicide application in addition to continued tilling and manure spreading.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 19, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	11	81	8
SUBSOIL	0	7	75	18

Crop Progress as of April 19, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
OATS PLANTED	19	<5	13	39
SPRING TILLAGE (SINGLE)	21	7	17	<5
TOBACCO OUTSIDE BEDS (SEEDED)	15	<5	N/A	N/A

April 19, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	79	27	52	+7	0.41	2	2.95	+0.53	11	33	+32	162
	Erie	81	33	54	+8	0.60	2	2.60	+0.43	11	50	+44	176
	Franklin_AG	81	31	54	+8	0.73	3	3.29	+1.03	11	49	+44	188
	Meadville-Port	78	39	56	+11	0.66	2	2.38	+0.23	10	72	+71	225
	Springboro	78	32	52	+7	0.62	3	2.60	+0.62	12	27	+26	149
	Titusville	78	28	53	+9	0.93	2	2.53	+0.16	8	33	+33	150
	Warren	80	30	52	+7	0.77	2	3.35	+0.96	11	30	+28	157
North Central	Bradford_Region	75	31	51	+8	0.79	2	3.19	+0.91	11	21	+21	128
	Coudersport_1SW	78	24	49	+5	0.56	2	4.02	+2.04	11	11	+11	95
	Kane	78	25	51	+10	0.56	2	3.04	+0.57	11	21	+21	135
	Laporte	73	34	51	+7	0.34	2	2.69	+0.45	11	17	+17	100
	Lock_Haven	81	31	55	+8	0.56	2	3.04	+0.95	10	44	+33	179
	Oswayo	77	25	50	+7	0.61	2	2.89	+0.89	11	17	+17	105
	Renovo	80	29	54	+7	0.45	2	3.68	+1.59	10	39	+25	171
	Ridgway	78	26	51	+8	0.63	3	3.20	+0.95	11	23	+23	141
	Stevenson_Dam	80	27	53	+8	0.38	2	3.81	+1.66	10	27	+26	143
	Towanda	78	26	51	+6	0.24	2	3.16	+1.18	12	20	+16	125
	Wellsboro	76	29	51	+8	0.53	2	3.16	+1.54	11	17	+17	112
	Williamsport_AP	83	37	58	+9	0.44	2	2.63	+0.46	10	75	+59	206
Northeast	Hawley	77	28	49	+5	0.30	2	1.90	-0.40	8	9	+9	97
	Milanville	79	25	52	+7	0.15	2	2.01	-0.29	11	21	+21	109
	Susquehanna	75	30	51	+6	0.25	2	3.45	+0.99	11	14	+12	110
	Wilkes-Barre	80	37	57	+9	0.23	3	1.58	-0.45	10	68	+55	196
West Central	Butler	78	31	54	+8	0.27	2	3.91	+1.77	10	58	+54	194
	New_Castle_Ag	81	37	56	+9	0.30	3	3.93	+1.86	12	73	+67	219
	Slippery_Rock	83	31	55	+10	0.36	2	3.13	+0.95	10	68	+68	215
Central	Altoona_AP	76	40	57	+8	0.11	2	1.63	-0.39	9	85	+68	227
	Du_Bois	79	41	57	+12	0.27	2	2.89	+0.71	10	79	+76	226
	Elizabethville	82	34	56	+8	0.13	2	0.92	-1.36	8	56	+42	196
	Lewistown	82	32	56	+7	0.19	3	1.28	-0.73	11	61	+40	204
	Middletown	82	43	60	+8	0.14	2	0.61	-1.40	7	107	+62	259
	Prince_Gallitzi	78	32	55	+8	0.38	2	2.28	+0.20	9	54	+49	184
	Selinsgrove_2S	81	30	54	+6	0.12	3	1.37	-0.91	10	41	+27	166
	State_College_P	77	38	56	+9	0.41	3	2.54	+0.55	10	53	+42	190
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	80	37	58	+9	0.07	2	0.91	-1.22	8	88	+73	223
	Lehighton	79	36	55	+8	0.19	2	1.14	-1.33	7	46	+42	162
	Mt_Pocono	74	33	53	+11	0.26	3	1.32	-1.34	10	36	+36	145
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	81	46	60	+12	0.53	2	2.83	+0.93	9	140	+130	312
	Chalk_Hill	80	34	56	+8	0.76	4	3.40	+0.24	11	72	+61	231
	Connellsville_A	82	33	57	+8	0.63	3	3.88	+1.58	11	100	+81	263
	Indiana_3SE	80	29	54	+6	0.53	3	2.98	+0.64	11	52	+37	198
	Meyersdale	79	26	52	+6	0.67	3	1.98	-0.48	10	38	+36	165
	Pittsburgh_Intl	80	44	59	+10	0.17	2	2.57	+0.67	9	136	+113	306
	Waynesburg	81	35	56	+8	0.70	3	3.62	+1.62	10	90	+76	245
South Central	Biglerville	80	33	58	+10	0.19	2	0.96	-1.32	9	77	+64	224
	Everett	77	28	52	+4	0.51	3	1.55	-0.52	11	40	+29	171
	Hanover	79	32	56	+5	0.26	3	0.71	-1.41	11	69	+27	218
	Harrisburg_AP	82	40	60	+8	0.16	2	0.93	-1.08	7	113	+68	260
	South_Mountain	74	29	53	+2	0.30	2	1.06	-1.41	9	44	-1	173
	York_AP	80	33	57	+5	0.17	3	0.55	-1.65	8	95	+52	235
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	79	35	57	+5	0.13	2	0.64	-1.73	7	72	+26	210
	Green_Lane	79	37	57	+8	0.13	2	0.61	-1.67	7	66	+49	203
	Hamburg	80	38	58	+8	0.14	2	1.10	-1.07	8	69	+50	196
	Lancaster_AP	77	42	58	+8	0.18	3	0.54	-1.48	9	92	+64	236
	Neshaminy_Falls	80	37	59	+8	0.22	2	0.64	-1.83	8	87	+58	240
	New_Holland	80	42	59	+10	0.23	3	0.52	-1.77	8	99	+80	260
	Philadelphia_AP	81	44	62	+9	0.27	3	0.81	-1.37	10	131	+79	299
	Philadelphia_NE	81	43	62	+12	0.25	4	0.64	-1.83	9	135	+106	298
	Reading_AP	80	40	59	+9	0.14	2	0.64	-1.64	7	103	+74	246
	Sellersville	79	33	55	+5	0.13	2	0.71	-1.78	8	51	+31	174
West_Chester	80	35	56	+5	0.32	3	0.47	-1.84	8	63	+27	189	

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 had a pretty nice week of weather. Monday was in the 70's and sunny and Tuesday had some rain. Wednesday was pretty nice day but then Thursday has some rain evening into this morning. Most mornings started in high 40's to 50 and daytime into 60's and days with sunshine 70's. Fieldwork was getting done beginning of week then halted for some rainy conditions then now getting back into the fields. Some producers are ready to start planting corn when conditions permit. Some producers got their spring forage crops seeded and some oats past few weeks. Hay and wheat is pretty much done being top dressed this spring and looking greener as the days get warmer and sun is out. Fruit growers are in their busy time now with buds appearing and some pushing. Stone fruit blossoms are susceptible to brown rot and scab during warm wet weather and spraying occurring. We're experiencing a scab infection period April 17. Warm, wet weather also is a threat for stone fruit blossoms that are open. Cherries and pears, apricots are about to bloom if not blooming already. Vegetable growers are also busy tending to their plantings and additional crops being planted. All producers are hoping the cold temperatures are done because of what it can do to their crops. Overall farm producers are all busy with fieldwork and also with their livestock operations.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Weather has been suitable for most field work, but soil is still cool. Planting corn and alfalfa well under way as most soils are dry enough. Other activities included spreading manure and fertilizer. Some early fruit varieties now in full bloom, but still a threat for frost.

BEAVER County, Luke Fritz

Very little field work completed.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Great to see the sun and more activities out in the field. Some conventional spring plowing, chisel plowing, manure spreading, oats and spring barley planting.

CENTRE County, Dick A Decker

Oats and alfalfa seeding under way between showers. Grass is greening up. Slow start to spring 2015.

CLARION/FORREST/VENANGO/WARREN, Tom Tanner

Some tillage taken place for spring oats and planting of new grass seedings.

CRAWFORD County, Ron McCorkle

There was some tillage started towards the end of the week on the more gravely soils but mostly the activity was spreading fertilizer and spraying. It was nice to see cows out in the pasture grazing on the spring grass.

FULTON County, Russel McLucas Jr.

Some wheat in the area has been run with fertilizer and weed control.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer

Favorable weather conditions allowed for many field activities. Crops are progressing; however, winter annuals are growing quite rapidly in the winter grains and alfalfa. Seeding of alfalfa and oats is near completion.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Few producers mentioned that they were planting their early sweet corn that would be under cover.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Rye is really growing fast, now in the jointing stage other cover crops not far behind. A few fields of corn have been planted. Many farmers busy hauling manure and applying burndown herbicide in preparation for planting.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Field activity picked later in the week with temperatures in the 70's. The pot holes in area highways give farmers another danger or safety hazard to worry about.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Warmer week with limited rain has allowed field activities to begin. Some activities include: spreading fertilizer and manure, spraying small grains and some tillage. Livestock are beginning to be introduced back on the pastures.

PERRY County, David L. Swartz

Temperatures were warm enough this past week to allow for some spring burn down herbicide applications to fields. Manure application from manure storages continued this week.