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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures for the state were reported an average of 55(°F), with a high of 81(°F) and a low of 24(°F). A much anticipated week of fine weather finally arrived. All reports suggest a productive week of field work and crop plantings. There was a good push to plant corn, soybeans and some potatoes, whose progress had previously been delayed by a lingering cold. Spring crops have emerged and look to be in good shape despite some threat from weeds. Field activities included manure spreading, herbicide application, top dressing and planting.

## Crop Progress as of May 3, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
OATS: PLANTED	41	35	49	65
OATS: EMERGED	18	13	24	38
CORN: PLANTED	7	<5	7	21
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	60	32	38	N/A
TOBACCO: SEEDED	21	19	N/A	N/A

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 3, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	2	91	7
Subsoil	0	8	83	9

## Crop Conditions as of May 3, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	33	64	3
HAY, OTHER	0	0	13	71	16
OATS	0	2	5	76	17
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	7	23	59	11
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	6	76	17

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## May 3, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
Region	Station	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
		Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	72	31	49	-3	0.09	2	4.33	+0.12	18	55	+18	267
	Erie	67	32	47	-6	0.42	2	3.31	-0.38	16	80	+30	276
	Franklin_AG	73	35	50	-3	0.07	2	4.72	+0.78	18	83	+35	306
	Meadville-Port	71	34	50	-1	0.01	1	3.30	-0.42	15	109	+75	345
	Springboro	71	29	45	-6	0.14	3	3.29	-0.16	20	44	+10	228
	Titusville	72	26	48	-2	0.10	1	3.83	-0.33	12	40	+16	227
	Warren	73	29	49	-3	0.06	2	4.33	+0.26	18	55	+17	258
North Central	Bradford_Region	70	32	47	-2	0.02	1	4.63	+0.80	17	34	+14	210
	Coudersport_1SW	72	24	46	-4	0.05	1	5.08	+1.66	16	15	-13	168
	Kane	72	25	47	0	0.11	1	4.17	-0.04	14	26	+16	183
	Laporte	68	35	50	0	0.07	3	4.83	+1.00	18	38	+11	202
	Lock_Haven	79	35	54	+2	0.00	0	4.75	+1.13	14	94	+32	330
	Oswayo	72	26	47	-3	0.06	1	3.86	+0.46	17	22	+3	180
	Renovo	78	34	53	-2	0.01	1	4.67	+1.09	14	82	+13	310
	Ridgway	73	27	47	-3	0.07	1	4.24	+0.31	17	43	+22	235
	Stevenson_Dam	76	28	50	-1	0.03	1	4.94	+1.25	15	54	+18	255
	Towanda	72	30	51	-1	0.06	1	5.18	+1.69	17	47	+2	245
	Wellsboro	72	28	50	+1	0.04	1	4.23	+1.47	16	39	+19	212
	Williamsport_AP	78	41	56	+3	0.00	0	4.65	+0.80	14	139	+66	383
	Northeast	Hawley	72	34	50	-1	0.00	0	3.38	-0.74	12	22	-3
Milanville		73	23	50	-1	0.00	0	3.30	-0.82	16	40	+15	219
Susquehanna		72	36	51	0	0.04	1	4.99	+0.67	17	34	-6	223
Wilkes-Barre		76	41	55	+1	0.00	0	3.18	-0.43	13	121	+53	360
West Central	Butler	72	33	49	-3	0.07	2	5.09	+1.22	17	86	+46	310
	New_Castle_Ag	73	34	51	-3	0.14	2	4.89	+1.28	18	112	+60	360
	Slippery_Rock	75	34	51	+1	0.04	2	4.15	+0.33	16	110	+83	347
Central	Altoona_AP	72	39	54	0	0.41	2	3.41	-0.19	15	131	+57	379
	Du_Bois	73	37	53	+2	0.12	2	4.12	+0.40	16	124	+85	364
	Elizabethville	81	33	55	+3	0.26	1	3.88	-0.08	13	119	+52	372
	Lewistown	76	34	55	0	0.23	2	3.29	-0.30	17	119	+35	375
	Middletown	76	41	58	+2	0.09	1	2.09	-1.62	11	191	+63	469
	Prince_Gallitzi	72	33	52	-1	0.39	2	3.87	+0.22	15	85	+41	310
	Selinsgrove_2S	77	37	54	0	0.13	1	2.78	-1.18	14	89	+22	324
	State_College_P	72	39	55	+3	0.19	2	5.15	+1.66	16	105	+45	345
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	76	40	55	+2	0.00	0	1.95	-1.93	11	145	+75	400
	Lehighton	74	37	54	+2	0.00	0	3.22	-1.19	10	85	+42	313
	Mt_Pocono	70	37	51	+3	0.01	1	3.48	-1.26	15	51	+38	253
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	73	37	54	+2	0.64	2	4.55	+1.08	16	197	+141	469
	Chalk_Hill	71	33	51	-3	0.49	2	5.46	-0.08	18	106	+50	365
	Connellsville_A	73	34	51	-4	0.47	3	5.76	+1.62	18	140	+63	410
	Indiana_3SE	73	34	51	-3	0.96	3	5.62	+1.47	19	93	+25	335
	Meyersdale	68	31	47	-5	1.17	3	4.35	-0.07	18	49	+14	255
	Pittsburgh_Intl	74	35	53	-3	0.38	2	3.82	+0.48	16	186	+99	458
	Waynesburg	72	33	51	-3	0.76	1	6.25	+2.63	16	126	+62	381
South Central	Biglerville	75	44	57	+3	0.25	1	3.77	-0.28	12	153	+87	422
	Everett	73	32	51	-3	0.75	1	4.29	+0.55	16	66	+7	294
	Hanover	74	37	54	-3	0.61	1	2.26	-1.48	15	128	+6	395
	Harrisburg_AP	76	39	57	0	0.30	1	3.23	-0.48	11	187	+59	457
	South_Mountain	70	36	52	-5	0.42	2	2.84	-1.57	14	80	-47	311
York_AP	75	32	54	-3	0.32	1	2.14	-1.77	12	156	+30	412	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	75	37	55	-3	0.00	0	1.82	-2.48	10	132	0	389
	Green_Lane	75	40	55	+1	0.00	0	2.22	-1.87	10	125	+51	384
	Hamburg	75	40	56	+1	0.01	1	3.23	-0.76	12	123	+43	372
	Lancaster_AP	74	40	54	-2	0.00	0	1.62	-2.05	12	149	+52	410
	Neshaminy_Falls	80	34	56	0	0.00	0	3.47	-0.93	11	160	+64	430
	New_Holland	81	40	58	+4	0.00	0	1.67	-2.57	11	184	+108	467
	Philadelphia_AP	77	47	59	+2	0.00	0	3.64	-0.21	12	239	+93	540
	Philadelphia_NE	77	42	58	+3	0.00	0	3.37	-1.03	12	230	+134	524
	Reading_AP	76	40	56	0	0.00	0	1.74	-2.35	10	170	+71	436
	Sellersville	75	35	55	0	0.00	0	2.24	-2.31	12	109	+28	349
West_Chester	76	33	54	-3	0.00	0	2.20	-1.91	12	119	+8	365	

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 out with temperatures in the 40's and daytime temps into higher 50's. Some rain received but not a lot of accumulation but enough to keep field conditions wet so producers had to wait it out. By end of week temperatures into the 70's and over the weekend hit 80 degrees and welcomed sunshine to warm soil conditions. Corn and soybeans are started now being planted where field conditions permit. Manure hauling and spraying also being done. Small grains and forage crops are looking good and very green and getting some height now with the warmer temps. Fruit trees are blossoming. Cherries and stone fruit trees have been blooming and create a pretty picture when driving around the county. Also apples are blooming and were apparent for the fruit growers Apple Blossom Festival weekend. More apple varieties will be blooming here in the next week or so. Producers need to be watchful of Fire Blight this week due to higher temperatures and humidity and chance of showers. Producers will have to apply their specific sprays to prevent fire blight. Vegetable crops continue to be planted and looking good. Strawberries early varieties are blooming and will be ready in about 2-3 weeks. Overall the producers are keeping busy with variety of duties this time of year and will have to multi task with several activities at one time.

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

Good week for field work. Fruit in bloom late in the week included Apples. Peaches are now past full bloom as is cherries. All fruit in Adams and Franklin counties appear to be in fine shape with little or no weather related damage.

### **BEAVER County, Luke Fritz**

Planting is now underway, for all spring crops. Soils are finally suitable to plant.

### **CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little**

This week activities included plowing for small grains, spreading manure, planting small grains, some potatoes and sweet corn planted.

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

Corn planting started during the week. Oats and hay starting to grow with warmer days and sun shine.

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

The tillage equipment is out in full force. Many acres of small grains, types grasses planted, corn, and some soybean. Manure spreading and ect..

### **JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer**

The spring planted crops have emerged and are looking good; however there are some weed issues. Corn planting has begun here at the end of the week. The main field activities were spraying, spreading of manure, and planting.

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

Lots of corn and soybeans planted end of last week and over the weekend. Starting to get dry on top. Probable uneven germination and emergence in new alfalfa seedings, especially in conventionally tilled fields. Ryelage harvest getting underway this week. Wheat and triticale jointing. A good shower is needed to activate residual herbicides and replenish moisture in top few inches.

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

A fairly nice week for field work. Fields were chisel plowed. No-till corn and soybeans were planted. Rye and other small grain crops were cut for forage. Rain showers were very spotty. Daytime temperatures are warmer.

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

Field activity was at full speed this past week. Custom applicators are going sunrise to sunset spreading fertilizer and spraying. Corn growers will be planting again this week as we will have temperatures in the 80's this week with very little rain forecasted.

### **MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield**

Excellent week for field work. Soil condition have dried out and warmed up significantly. Corn and soybean planting started this week. Activities included spreading manure and fertilizer; spraying small grains, hayfields and corn/soybeans fields; tillage; planting oats, corn, soybeans and hayfields. With very warm temperatures in the forecast next week corn and soybean planting will continue in earnest. Many farmers would welcome some rain to incorporate fertilizer and herbicides and give everything a drink.

### **PERRY County, David L. Swartz**

Field operations included: manure spreading from manure storages, applying burn down herbicides, corn planting.

### **POTTER County, Nicole L. Santangelo**

Planting has begun in valleys and on some of the higher hilltops.

### **UNION County, Glenn L. Spangler**

Manure hauling, burn down herbicide spraying, topdressing forages/pastures, some corn planting were the major field activities for the week.

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

Corn planters are rolling again. Wheat is in early jointing stage.