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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include an average state average of 66(°F), a high of 91(°F) and a low of 40(°F). Weather remains ideal for fieldwork but lack of sufficient rains is drying corn and turning soybeans yellow, causing predictions for an early harvest. Tobacco has cured well in the dry weather and harvests are well over half complete. Fall plantings are delayed by continued dry weather. Field activities for the week included harvesting corn silage, potatoes, tobacco and hay.

Crop Progress as of August 30, 2015 (in percent)

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 30, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	19	42	36	3
SUBSOIL	8	37	54	1

Crop Conditions as of August 30, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	3	38	58
CORN	0	8	22	41	29
HAY, ALFALFA	0	5	27	53	15
HAY, OTHER	7	9	24	49	11
PASTURE AND RANGE	9	26	31	21	13
PEACHES	1	0	3	37	59
POTATOES	0	1	62	34	3
SOYBEANS	0	4	18	60	18
TOBACCO	3	6	35	43	13

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	30	21	23	38
CORN: DOUGH	89	80	55	76
CORN: DENTED	57	35	30	44
CORN: MATURE	5	N/A	<5	7
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	98	94	91	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	86	81	69	88
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	36	24	39	35
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	92	85	86	92
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	64	48	49	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	24	5	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	93	91	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	89	85	91	N/A
OATS: MATURE	95	94	93	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED	90	83	83	94
PEACHES: HARVESTED	81	71	62	85
POTATOES: HARVESTED	22	22	25	27
TOBACCO: CUT	55	38	55	N/A

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August 30, 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	81	47	63	-4	0.24	2	23.93	+1.44	79	2041	+212	3428
	Erie	80	54	67	-3	0.56	4	16.37	-1.96	63	2329	+189	3705
	Franklin_AG	82	51	64	-4	0.55	1	24.54	+3.15	74	2212	+212	3616
	Meadville-Port	80	48	65	-3	0.52	4	22.28	+2.26	66	2275	+423	3688
	Springboro	80	45	61	-6	0.73	4	20.93	+2.36	75	1885	-14	3238
	Titusville	81	47	63	-3	0.17	2	21.64	+0.52	53	1908	+208	3277
Warren	83	49	63	-5	0.24	3	19.51	-1.51	74	2001	+91	3378	
North Central	Bradford_Region	77	41	61	-3	0.05	1	18.86	-2.09	72	1770	+291	3113
	Coudersport_1SW	79	46	60	-3	0.11	1	23.80	+3.34	75	1693	+137	3011
	Kane	79	40	60	-1	0.31	2	21.27	-0.20	78	1762	+464	3083
	Laporte	76	50	61	-4	0.00	0	23.21	+4.98	79	1787	+111	3125
	Lock_Haven	87	53	67	-2	0.02	1	21.38	+1.51	58	2463	+336	3886
	Oswayo	81	43	60	-5	0.17	2	19.95	+0.52	77	1689	+173	3018
	Renovo	82	51	65	-4	0.05	1	21.90	+3.51	66	2297	+182	3713
	Ridgway	81	48	63	-2	0.19	2	26.84	+5.69	75	1907	+334	3272
	Stevenson_Dam	81	47	63	-5	0.10	1	26.03	+6.06	64	2026	+96	3405
	Towanda	83	52	65	-2	0.00	0	22.03	+5.81	64	2155	+203	3537
	Wellsboro	77	45	60	-4	0.02	1	22.38	+5.77	69	1726	+205	3072
Williamsport_AP	85	54	68	-2	0.00	0	23.34	+4.27	63	2661	+439	4095	
Northeast	Hawley	83	42	63	-3	0.01	1	18.99	+0.03	59	1915	+216	3280
	Milanville	84	49	67	+2	0.03	1	18.47	-0.36	66	2044	+345	3404
	Susquehanna	81	50	65	-2	0.18	1	19.76	+0.15	71	1999	+193	3370
	Wilkes-Barre	85	53	69	+1	0.10	1	16.94	-0.72	58	2633	+460	4061
West Central	Butler	83	48	62	-5	0.52	2	23.34	+3.02	73	2171	+277	3573
	New_Castle_Ag	89	50	66	-4	0.95	1	25.42	+6.73	70	2451	+353	3886
	Slippery_Rock	87	50	64	-2	0.97	1	23.50	+3.18	73	2363	+637	3783
Central	Altoona_AP	86	48	66	-4	0.00	0	18.83	+1.43	63	2402	+243	3831
	Du_Bois	81	49	65	-2	0.04	1	20.43	+0.23	70	2352	+520	3771
	Elizabethville	91	51	70	+2	0.36	1	20.61	+1.22	53	2630	+430	4073
	Lewistown	86	54	67	-3	0.00	0	20.84	+1.63	64	2575	+313	4020
	Middletown	87	59	72	0	0.14	1	17.50	-0.73	55	3059	+435	4527
	Prince_Gallitzi	83	48	64	-3	0.03	1	21.71	+3.69	73	2196	+294	3603
	Selinsgrove_2S	86	55	68	-1	0.00	0	19.08	-0.31	58	2482	+282	3907
	State_College_P	81	53	65	-3	0.00	0	22.45	+4.47	72	2348	+260	3773
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	87	51	70	0	0.00	0	18.35	-2.07	51	2767	+492	4212
	Lehighton	81	52	65	-3	0.17	1	23.94	+1.45	59	2276	+293	3694
	Mt_Pocono	79	47	64	+1	0.22	1	24.37	+2.97	59	1997	+511	3379
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	85	55	68	-1	0.04	1	22.77	+4.73	71	2678	+621	4135
	Chalk_Hill	84	51	65	-1	0.05	1	23.25	-1.41	82	2314	+484	3757
	Connellsville_A	88	52	68	-2	0.00	0	21.58	+0.77	77	2580	+378	4037
	Indiana_3SE	83	49	64	-5	0.01	1	25.06	+3.03	77	2162	+99	3585
	Meyersdale	82	47	62	-4	0.01	1	18.46	-1.71	74	1895	+140	3275
	Pittsburgh_Intl	84	53	68	-3	0.10	1	20.32	+2.16	58	2719	+442	4177
South Central	Waynesburg	88	49	65	-4	0.01	1	18.63	-0.27	69	2392	+292	3828
	Biglerville	86	54	69	0	0.44	1	27.13	+8.22	49	2752	+503	4211
	Everett	86	48	64	-4	0.00	0	18.72	+0.96	66	2117	+88	3520
	Hanover	88	52	68	-4	0.00	0	21.82	+5.38	58	2680	+96	4137
	Harrisburg_AP	85	56	71	-2	0.48	1	22.35	+4.12	52	2942	+318	4402
Southeast	South_Mountain	82	50	66	-4	0.15	1	21.08	-0.22	61	2241	-162	3658
	York_AP	86	51	68	-4	0.04	1	24.28	+5.24	53	2688	+156	4134
	Doylestown_AG	86	54	71	-3	0.00	0	17.55	-3.63	48	2737	+32	4184
	Green_Lane	86	55	70	+2	0.00	0	16.72	-3.05	44	2702	+436	4151
	Hamburg	86	56	70	-1	0.00	0	24.63	+3.54	55	2631	+264	4070
	Lancaster_AP	86	54	70	-3	0.02	1	16.65	-2.52	52	2718	+259	4169
	Neshaminy_Falls	89	55	71	-1	0.00	0	19.48	-3.44	49	2832	+324	4292
	New_Holland	89	55	72	+4	0.00	0	17.75	-3.17	52	2907	+677	4380
Philadelphia Area	Philadelphia_AP	89	63	77	+3	0.00	0	17.89	-0.86	46	3398	+546	4889
	Philadelphia_NE	90	60	75	+4	0.00	0	15.76	-7.16	49	3287	+779	4771
	Reading_AP	88	57	71	-1	0.00	0	16.87	-3.23	47	2907	+418	4363
	Sellersville	85	52	68	-3	0.00	0	18.58	-3.59	43	2501	+162	3931
	West_Chester	88	50	70	-2	0.00	0	17.88	-2.83	52	2720	+228	4156

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 Behney

Adams County started the week with morning temperatures low 60's. Some rain in the county towards evening about 0.25" Daytime temperatures 80's. Tuesday through Thursday morning temperatures low 60's and daytime low 80's. Today was 57 morning temperature and was foggy early but sun burned fog off and nice blue sky mid-morning. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. There has been some corn silage and high moisture corn has been harvested. Corn is drying down from dry weather conditions we had beginning of August till last week. Soybeans are looking pretty good but not many have lost their leaves yet. Some soybeans are still pretty short for being close to September 1st and may not produce many soybeans till frost but still hope for a little longer before frost. Forage crops and cover crops are being planted in the county. Some that were seeded last week are having trouble pushing through from all the rain we got at one time last Thursday. Small grains such as barley and rye are being seeded and once some corn silage harvested some wheat will start to be seeded. Hay continues to be made with regrowth on most fields from rains recently received. Peach harvest is almost complete in the county with another week and will be finished. Apples continue to be harvested and good crops and size are being reported. Vegetables are doing well in the county and are plentiful to purchase throughout the county. Sweet corn that was planted later is now being harvested. Overall the producers are still pretty busy preparing soil for new plantings and also readying harvesting equipment for the fall harvests.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Peach harvest is coming to an end, with most growers pleased with the crop. Apples look to be a good crop as well. Corn silage harvest is near completion with corn rapidly drying down. Some concern with the soybean yield as beans are not getting moisture to make good size. Expect yield to be off due to undersized beans

ALLEGHENY/BEAVER/BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Corn Silage harvest has begun, hay harvesting continues. This area really needs rain.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Activities included harvesting straw and beginning to harvest potatoes.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Great week for late summer field work, no rain.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Need rain. Corn and soybean drying up in poor soil areas. Many soybean fields 50% yellow from dry weather and some corn fields are 80% brown.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

The warm and dry weather is causing the corn and soybeans to mature. Looks like there could be an early harvest season. Silo filling is progressing with the yields being favorable. There is evidence of leaf blight in some corn fields. The main activities for the week were chopping corn, haymaking and seeding forages.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Although hay and corn are short and 4th cut probably won't be a possibility, crops have done fairly well considering the boom or bust rain we have had since Memorial Day.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Fields are turning very dry again, however most of the yield on early corn and beans is standing in the field. Looking like an early grain harvest. Silage harvest is in full swing with my farms finished. Tobacco harvest about 75% complete, having excellent harvest and curing weather. Getting too dry to start alfalfa and cover crops without a rain.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Hay harvested this week was of very low yield due to lack of rain. We received 0.7 inches rainfall Sunday. The total harvested hay production per acre is going to be unbelievably low for the 2015 season. The local weather station is saying since July 1st our area is 5 inches short for rainfall (July-August) for an average year. Pastures are in very poor condition going into fall.