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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include an average state average of 52(°F), a high of 80(°F) and a low of 20(°F). Dropping temperatures have signaled the end of the growing season. Corn and soybean harvests continue, but any immature field crops remaining at this stage are expected to be lost to frosts. Labor shortages slowed apple picking some late harvesting activity continues. While mostly finished, there were also a few reports of late haymaking. Winter wheat and barley plantings have nearly all emerged at this point. Field activities included harvesting, haymaking and planting.

Crop Progress as of October 25, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	86	81	88	94
BARLEY: PLANTED	94	92	87	91
BARLEY: EMERGED	89	85	71	71
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	63	53	37	49
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	94	91	87	92
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	81	77	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	95	94	95	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	74	62	46	49
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	86	78	81	76
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	73	67	66	55

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 25, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	28	68	1
SUBSOIL	4	21	74	1

Crop Conditions as of October 25, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	13	22	31	23	11

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/weather and click on ["Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin."](#)

October 25, 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	69	26	48	+3	0.80	2	31.62	+1.58	109	2614	+378	4515
	Erie	72	33	55	+5	0.23	2	22.94	-3.47	83	3120	+403	5034
	Franklin_AG	70	30	50	+2	1.22	3	32.20	+3.91	98	2856	+371	4784
	Meadville-Port	69	31	54	+6	1.05	2	29.36	+2.09	89	2979	+676	4921
	Springboro	70	27	50	+3	0.39	2	27.34	+1.64	97	2457	+126	4324
	Titusville	71	29	49	+4	1.31	3	28.78	+0.12	74	2506	+440	4399
	Warren	70	24	49	+1	0.66	3	27.59	-0.55	97	2615	+238	4504
North Central	Bradford_Region	68	22	49	+5	0.68	3	25.02	-2.87	96	2245	+481	4084
	Coudersport_1SW	71	24	46	+1	0.69	2	34.46	+7.19	99	2155	+297	3950
	Kane	68	24	46	+3	0.80	3	28.38	-0.21	104	2175	+660	3979
	Laporte	66	24	45	-1	0.28	1	28.41	+3.68	96	2264	+243	4074
	Lock_Haven	75	29	50	+3	0.38	1	25.54	-0.79	74	3164	+530	5115
	Oswayo	70	26	46	+2	0.75	3	29.67	+3.46	99	2125	+317	3933
	Renovo	73	29	49	0	0.34	1	27.81	+3.20	83	2927	+317	4866
	Ridgway	70	28	48	+4	0.92	2	35.33	+7.56	101	2452	+549	4328
	Stevenson_Dam	73	27	48	-1	0.63	2	33.45	+6.71	85	2600	+214	4490
	Towanda	75	24	49	+2	0.40	2	25.90	+4.01	77	2768	+369	4655
	Wellsboro	69	22	46	0	0.37	3	27.76	+5.73	91	2195	+362	4018
	Williamsport_AP	76	29	52	+4	0.40	1	28.33	+2.59	83	3437	+695	5408
Northeast	Hawley	76	20	45	-2	0.44	1	24.83	-0.59	71	2437	+379	4285
	Milanville	77	22	49	+3	0.44	1	23.40	-1.89	78	2620	+562	4501
	Susquehanna	71	23	46	-1	0.39	1	25.05	-1.24	88	2571	+373	4441
	Wilkes-Barre	76	26	52	+3	0.10	1	21.16	-2.92	76	3405	+730	5364
West Central	Butler	71	27	49	+2	0.41	2	31.14	+4.58	98	2774	+437	4696
	New_Castle_Ag	71	28	52	+4	0.77	2	32.52	+7.87	96	3172	+536	5140
	Slippery_Rock	70	27	49	+2	0.62	2	30.22	+3.54	98	2975	+839	4911
Central	Altoona_AP	78	27	53	+4	0.23	2	23.48	+0.67	87	3080	+392	5037
	Du_Bois	70	29	53	+6	0.58	2	32.26	+5.57	94	3042	+807	4990
	Elizabethville	73	23	48	-3	0.29	2	25.51	-0.65	66	3325	+609	5294
	Lewistown	78	28	51	+2	0.35	1	25.95	+0.63	80	3310	+500	5287
	Middletown	78	31	54	+3	0.05	1	27.65	+3.20	66	3940	+646	5954
	Prince_Gallitzi	74	25	48	+2	0.39	2	28.20	+4.08	98	2799	+469	4709
	Selinsgrove_2S	74	28	49	0	0.13	2	23.41	-2.75	73	3185	+469	5135
	State_College_P	73	30	51	+3	0.27	2	27.63	+3.55	95	3005	+445	4950
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	77	25	52	+3	0.12	1	24.54	-3.07	61	3573	+759	5553
	Lehighton	70	25	47	-2	0.25	1	31.22	+0.86	76	2864	+435	4795
	Mt_Pocono	73	20	49	+5	0.22	1	31.11	+1.56	75	2553	+791	4438
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	71	28	54	+6	0.51	2	29.89	+6.56	90	3458	+891	5450
	Chalk_Hill	74	25	51	+4	0.44	2	29.74	-2.50	106	2963	+708	4932
	Connellsville_A	75	27	53	+5	1.26	2	30.40	+3.60	96	3347	+592	5336
	Indiana_3SE	72	26	49	-1	0.83	2	33.23	+4.35	101	2796	+204	4741
	Meyersdale	73	22	49	+2	0.22	2	25.13	-1.33	93	2401	+242	4284
	Pittsburgh_Intl	72	28	55	+6	0.53	2	27.12	+3.84	75	3545	+693	5542
	Waynesburg	76	24	50	+2	0.45	2	23.95	-0.30	83	3068	+445	5031
South Central	Biglerville	77	29	51	+3	0.00	0	33.05	+6.67	61	3499	+711	5484
	Everett	77	23	48	-2	0.10	2	23.29	-0.30	86	2686	+165	4598
	Hanover	76	27	50	-3	0.03	1	28.27	+5.64	69	3385	+148	5362
	Harrisburg_AP	78	29	55	+3	0.08	2	28.58	+4.13	65	3799	+505	5803
	South_Mountain	72	26	49	-4	0.10	1	26.64	-2.89	76	2832	-202	4757
York_AP	77	24	51	-2	0.01	1	30.95	+5.12	67	3408	+222	5386	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	76	26	50	-4	0.05	1	23.36	-5.34	57	3500	+79	5474
	Green_Lane	75	27	50	-1	0.09	1	24.58	-2.21	55	3473	+648	5451
	Hamburg	74	27	50	0	0.13	1	31.43	+2.68	66	3369	+447	5337
	Lancaster_AP	76	28	52	+1	0.05	1	24.98	-1.80	63	3494	+408	5482
	Neshaminy_Falls	77	25	53	+2	0.04	1	25.30	-5.50	59	3629	+467	5621
	New_Holland	80	28	55	+5	0.05	1	25.66	-3.45	63	3755	+960	5763
	Philadelphia_AP	77	35	57	+3	0.00	0	26.75	+1.78	54	4445	+787	6488
	Philadelphia_NE	77	31	55	+4	0.00	0	21.41	-9.39	56	4282	+1120	6314
	Reading_AP	76	28	53	+2	0.10	1	23.74	-3.52	57	3743	+620	5738
	Sellersville	74	23	48	-4	0.07	1	24.05	-6.09	56	3197	+259	5146
	West_Chester	78	24	49	-3	0.03	1	24.56	-3.74	64	3462	+342	5427

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 off with heavy frost on Monday and Tuesday morning was in the high 40's. Daytime temperatures were 60's on Monday but Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday was in the high 70's and some areas low 80's. Morning temperatures past two days were in the mid 50's. Sunny blue skies today. Some parts of the county has a shower last evening but some other areas only a few drops. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested. Any corn and soybeans that were still green last week are now frosted from cold temperatures which caused heavy frost last weekend and this past Monday. Corn yields are being reported all over the place and depends when and where they were planted and weather last Spring/Summer. Barley seeding is complete with fields emerged now. Wheat continues to be seeded after crops harvested this fall along with cover crops being seeded also. Some late hay is being made this week also with nice quality. Apples continue to be harvested in the county. Shortage of pickers has some producers behind in their harvesting of their apples. Some smaller growers are finished picking now. Most are reporting decent yields. Vegetables were doing pretty well until the heavy frost the county received early week. Overall the producers are busy with harvesting and also seeding acreage for next year's crops. Trying to get their crops off before any significant rains move in.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Growing season has ended, beans and corn harvest is waiting for some nice weather to finish field drying. Apple harvest is nearly finished in all but the larger operation. Most growers are pleased with the crop. Dairy farmers are getting sufficient forage, but are displeased with the milk price which is down nearly 33% from last year.

ALLEGHENY / BEAVER / BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Good week for harvesting. Harvest schedule is a few weeks ahead of normal.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Soybean harvesting is complete. Corn harvesting continues.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Soybean and corn harvest well underway. Great fall weather and color. .3 inches of rainfall.

JUNIATA / SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

This was a good week for field activities; however, the late planted crops are in need of some moisture. Heavy frost last Sunday pretty well ended the growing season. The main field activities for the week were harvesting, haymaking, and planting

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Corn harvest starting to wind down. Double crop soybean harvest is getting into full swing. Barley planted nearly complete, still a fair amount of wheat and cover crop to plant.

LEBANON, Charlene Ziegler

In Lebanon County there was more harvesting of soybeans and shelled corn this week. Corn fodder was baled. Cover crops were planted.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

This fall has been one of the best harvest seasons that I can remember in the 55 plus years of my agricultural career. We harvested beans this week at 10.5% moisture. No mud in the fields, no combine ruts, and able to park trucks in the fields. We had bean growers harvesting bean varieties in Sept.