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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 a state average of 55(°F), a high of 83(°F) and a low of 26(°F). An unseasonably warm week allowed for the completion of many corn and soybean harvests. Very little harvesting activity for apples as most harvests have completed. Remaining field work has involved manure and lime application, soil testing and planting cover crops.

Crop Progress as of November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	94	92	94	N/A
BARLEY: EMERGED	95	90	91	88
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	79	70	63	71
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	91	87	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	91	82	76	75
POTATOES: HARVESTED	88	86	95	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	93	91	94	89
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	86	79	87	75

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	12	84	1
SUBSOIL	3	15	80	2

Crop Conditions as of November 8, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	13	28	24	25	10

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

November 8, 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	76	31	53	+11	0.21	2	33.86	+2.19	116	2646	+410	4646
	Erie	78	40	59	+13	0.26	2	24.10	-4.08	89	3195	+455	5237
	Franklin_AG	76	29	55	+11	0.21	4	34.29	+4.52	106	2899	+409	4938
	Meadville-Port	75	34	58	+15	0.26	3	31.74	+2.77	97	3048	+742	5106
	Springboro	75	29	54	+12	0.40	3	29.39	+2.26	105	2502	+171	4466
	Titusville	78	30	53	+12	0.34	3	31.42	+1.09	81	2545	+479	4540
	Warren	77	32	54	+11	0.31	2	30.19	+0.38	103	2656	+276	4643
North Central	Bradford_Region	74	28	52	+13	0.23	3	27.35	-2.11	104	2282	+518	4206
	Coudersport_1SW	74	28	50	+10	0.23	4	36.25	+7.36	107	2180	+322	4045
	Kane	74	27	50	+12	0.19	3	31.04	+0.79	111	2200	+685	4078
	Laporte	69	33	53	+12	0.00	0	30.32	+4.02	99	2298	+277	4188
	Lock_Haven	74	31	54	+11	0.00	0	26.64	-1.20	78	3209	+572	5262
	Oswayo	74	26	50	+10	0.12	2	31.04	+3.42	105	2150	+342	4038
	Renovo	76	32	54	+10	0.03	1	29.58	+3.49	89	2970	+353	5008
	Ridgway	78	29	52	+11	0.13	2	37.28	+7.96	106	2487	+584	4452
	Stevenson_Dam	76	31	52	+10	0.06	2	34.44	+6.12	90	2628	+242	4604
	Towanda	76	32	54	+11	0.00	0	27.31	+4.14	80	2811	+412	4789
	Wellsboro	75	28	53	+12	0.04	2	29.39	+6.13	97	2231	+398	4132
	Williamsport_AP	74	35	57	+13	0.00	0	30.33	+3.04	85	3505	+757	5601
Northeast	Hawley	73	31	51	+9	0.01	1	26.95	-0.02	77	2466	+408	4399
	Milanville	75	31	54	+12	0.03	1	25.47	-1.37	82	2656	+598	4633
	Susquehanna	73	34	53	+11	0.00	0	26.69	-1.37	90	2608	+410	4567
	Wilkes-Barre	78	35	58	+13	0.00	0	23.46	-2.00	79	3486	+802	5569
West Central	Butler	76	29	53	+11	0.23	3	33.38	+5.44	104	2812	+475	4842
	New_Castle_Ag	83	31	56	+12	0.12	2	34.16	+8.24	101	3231	+585	5319
	Slippery_Rock	76	28	53	+11	0.16	2	32.19	+4.08	104	3012	+876	5055
Central	Altoona_AP	77	36	57	+13	0.02	1	24.88	+0.70	91	3149	+445	5227
	Du_Bois	76	29	56	+14	0.14	2	34.10	+6.06	100	3105	+870	5165
	Elizabethville	75	35	55	+11	0.00	0	27.62	-0.11	69	3358	+634	5431
	Lewistown	79	35	56	+12	0.03	1	27.74	+0.93	85	3372	+551	5463
	Middletown	76	39	59	+12	0.00	0	29.75	+3.79	69	4027	+702	6175
	Prince_Gallitzi	79	29	53	+10	0.17	1	29.25	+3.78	104	2838	+508	4837
	Selinsgrove_2S	76	33	55	+11	0.00	0	25.06	-2.67	76	3236	+512	5291
	State_College_P	75	35	56	+13	0.07	1	29.70	+4.17	99	3066	+503	5116
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	77	35	58	+14	0.01	1	26.46	-2.75	65	3656	+829	5767
	Lehighton	74	36	54	+12	0.04	2	34.78	+2.52	82	2904	+475	4953
	Mt_Pocono	72	32	54	+14	0.00	0	35.08	+3.71	78	2601	+839	4587
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	78	39	60	+17	0.33	2	31.65	+7.04	95	3553	+978	5675
	Chalk_Hill	77	32	55	+13	0.12	1	31.20	-2.84	110	3016	+759	5092
	Connellsville_A	80	32	57	+12	0.05	1	31.69	+3.44	103	3415	+646	5519
	Indiana_3SE	79	29	54	+10	0.35	2	35.02	+4.53	107	2846	+240	4905
	Meyersdale	76	29	52	+10	0.03	1	26.32	-1.78	99	2435	+276	4401
	Pittsburgh_Intl	76	32	58	+12	0.21	2	28.97	+4.51	80	3622	+754	5743
	Waynesburg	79	29	54	+10	0.08	1	25.10	-0.51	86	3118	+486	5191
South Central	Biglerville	76	32	58	+14	0.00	0	35.75	+7.78	63	3574	+776	5681
	Everett	78	32	55	+11	0.00	0	24.54	-0.59	90	2731	+204	4744
	Hanover	77	35	58	+11	0.01	1	31.06	+7.03	74	3460	+192	5553
	Harrisburg_AP	77	38	59	+12	0.00	0	30.49	+4.53	68	3890	+565	6026
	South_Mountain	73	37	55	+8	0.00	0	28.50	-2.79	78	2884	-181	4917
	York_AP	78	34	58	+11	0.01	1	34.15	+6.84	70	3489	+274	5591
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	76	37	57	+9	0.03	2	24.91	-5.35	61	3574	+113	5670
	Green_Lane	74	38	57	+11	0.02	1	26.43	-1.97	58	3543	+699	5644
	Hamburg	75	37	57	+12	0.00	0	34.23	+3.77	70	3432	+497	5519
	Lancaster_AP	76	37	58	+12	0.01	1	26.14	-2.18	66	3568	+460	5685
	Neshaminy_Falls	77	36	57	+10	0.07	1	26.78	-5.66	62	3699	+510	5818
	New_Holland	76	38	59	+13	0.02	1	26.59	-4.31	67	3848	+1033	5984
	Philadelphia_AP	80	46	63	+13	0.13	3	28.05	+1.77	59	4585	+877	6768
	Philadelphia_NE	77	42	61	+14	0.02	2	22.65	-9.79	60	4405	+1216	6575
	Reading_AP	77	37	59	+12	0.03	1	24.80	-3.99	61	3831	+680	5957
	Sellersville	76	32	55	+9	0.10	3	25.79	-6.11	62	3252	+290	5304
	West_Chester	79	35	56	+9	0.03	2	26.78	-3.19	69	3523	+374	5606

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 had a nice week of weather with morning temperatures mostly in the low 50's and daytime into the 70's. Some days broke records for daytime highs. Sunny most days with light winds. Corn and soybean harvest continues during this nice weather period. Producers are limited some due to the mills filling up and scheduling loads being delivered which causes some producers to be held up with harvest. Most are reporting good yields for corn and soybeans. Days are shorter now due to change of clocks but producers still working hard on harvest. Some late wheat and cover crops are also being seeded now once the crop is off. The cover crops and small grains and new forage seedings planted earlier are looking good and liking this week's warmer temperatures. Apple harvest continues and most growers are getting closer to being finished. Most are reporting decent yields also. Overall the producers are busy trying to get their fieldwork done before the weather changes.

ADAMS County, Thomas Kerr

Dry weather this week allowed corn and soybean harvest to wrap up for most operations. Yields of corn and soybeans have been from exceptional to average. Apple harvest is nearly completed and growers are pleased with yield and quality.

ALLEGHENY / BEAVER / BUTLER Counties, Luke Fritz

Early harvest has been completed on most farms. Manure and lime applications being completed. Good weather for soil testing.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Fall field work is winding down. Weather has been great for field work. Pre winter manure application underway along with final corn harvest.

INDIANA County, Scott Overdorff

I forgot to update last week. Anyway, all the soybeans are combined. Finished up picking ear corn. We still have some corn to shell. It will be don this week. Looks like good fall weather this week coming up. That's about it. Don't think we will do any fall plowing. Still could use some rain. The ground is still not recovered from the dry spell that we had this past summer. Just need to shred up some corn stocks before the snow flies. So everyone have a safe farming week!

JUNIATA / SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Harvesting of corn and soybeans is winding down with most yields being slightly above average. The main activities for the week were harvesting, planting, and spreading fertilizer.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Farmers are still busy finishing up with corn and soybean harvest. Small grains are mostly seeded with some late wheat and cover crop rye still being planted.

LEBANON, Charlene Ziegler

Corn and soybean harvest is wrapping up. Overall, yields are very good. Double crop beans will soon be started. Manure is being spread on fields. Cover crops are planted.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

We have had several "frosty" mornings this fall but the frost of Nov. 8, 2015 seem to finish off any remaining annual "plant or weed" - especially the ones growing in the landscape plantings close to the building. We had 0.5 inches of rainfall early in the week. Area fertilizer dealers were in our area this past week scouting the fields via an ATV taking soil samples for 2016. Farmers with larger fields have the option of soil sampling using the 1-2 acre GPS grids for the proper application of fertilizer throughout the field. I have been notified by several AG machinery companies - one planter mfg. offering huge discounts - which is sign of declining sales due to low crop prices and profits.

****COMMENTS FROM MERCER COUNTY 11/01/2015 ****

We received 1.9 inches of rainfall last week that slowed down the standing crop harvesting. The forecast for this week is no rain and 5 days with highs in the range of 68 - 73 degrees F. Mercer County has a brand "New" grain handling facility in operation - McCullough Grain opened a second facility - located south of Greenville PA in the rural area of Reynolds (Transfer) area. McCullough Grain will still operate their original facility in Jefferson Twp. Mercer County. - Jim Rust