



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service



Pennsylvania

# Crop Progress & Condition

King Whetstone, Regional Director

4050 Crums Mill Rd. Ste. 203, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Phone: 717-787-3904 Fax: 855-270-2719

[www.nass.usda.gov/pa](http://www.nass.usda.gov/pa)

Week ending November 22, 2015

Issued weekly on the internet, April - November  
by the Northeastern Regional Field Office of NASS

[nassrfooner@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nassrfooner@nass.usda.gov)

Released November 23, 2015

**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5.0 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania include a state average of 47(°F), a high of 71(°F) and a low of 21(°F). With the season close to an end, most harvests have been completed. Corn and soybean activity is occurring in some areas with reports of some late yields being lower than expected due to lack of rain throughout the season. Field work continues to focus on seeding fall crops in addition to lime and manure spreading.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	10	87	2
SUBSOIL	2	13	84	1

## Crop Conditions as of November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	6	19	35	30	10

## Crop Progress as of November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	86	83	84	89
GRAPES: HARVESTED	85	85	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FOURTH CUTTING	94	93	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: HARVESTED	94	93	90	91
POTATOES: HARVESTED	96	92	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: PLANTED	96	94	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: EMERGED	93	89	95	89

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

## November 22, 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	62	27	44	+8	0.49	4	35.25	+1.64	124	2651	+415	4702
	Erie	65	33	50	+9	0.15	1	25.72	-4.31	95	3219	+479	5351
	Franklin_AG	65	29	46	+7	0.35	2	35.53	+4.08	113	2905	+415	5013
	Meadville-Port	63	30	49	+11	0.25	2	32.87	+2.01	103	3071	+765	5212
	Springboro	63	26	46	+9	0.39	3	31.41	+2.74	113	2512	+181	4543
	Titusville	65	26	45	+8	0.50	3	32.86	+0.71	88	2550	+484	4603
	Warren	63	30	46	+8	0.41	3	31.73	+0.09	110	2662	+282	4717
North Central	Bradford_Region	59	24	44	+9	0.36	3	29.03	-2.24	111	2287	+523	4269
	Coudersport_1SW	62	24	42	+7	0.75	2	39.03	+8.45	113	2180	+322	4089
	Kane	61	25	42	+8	0.48	2	33.14	+1.02	117	2201	+686	4116
	Laporte	59	28	42	+5	0.79	2	32.58	+4.60	104	2298	+277	4233
	Lock_Haven	66	25	46	+7	0.12	2	27.69	-1.83	84	3218	+581	5347
	Oswayo	61	21	41	+6	0.45	3	33.22	+4.06	113	2150	+342	4085
	Renovo	64	28	45	+6	0.44	2	31.81	+4.04	96	2978	+361	5089
	Ridgway	65	27	45	+9	1.02	3	40.03	+8.98	113	2493	+590	4517
	Stevenson_Dam	62	26	43	+6	0.12	2	36.85	+6.77	99	2631	+245	4662
	Towanda	64	27	45	+6	0.32	1	29.33	+4.76	86	2817	+418	4867
	Wellsboro	63	25	42	+6	0.44	2	32.23	+7.63	103	2231	+398	4178
	Williamsport_AP	66	28	49	+10	0.39	2	32.43	+3.39	90	3529	+781	5727
Northeast	Hawley	61	26	41	+4	0.39	2	29.19	+0.50	83	2466	+408	4443
	Milanville	63	24	43	+6	0.68	2	27.80	-0.76	87	2655	+597	4683
	Susquehanna	61	27	43	+6	0.64	2	29.66	-0.33	96	2608	+410	4626
	Wilkes-Barre	66	30	49	+9	0.04	1	24.77	-2.21	83	3512	+828	5698
West Central	Butler	63	28	46	+8	0.38	2	34.66	+5.00	110	2821	+484	4919
	New_Castle_Ag	71	29	49	+10	0.28	2	35.26	+7.82	106	3248	+602	5430
	Slippery_Rock	65	27	46	+8	0.30	2	33.50	+3.71	111	3018	+882	5127
Central	Altoona_AP	66	26	49	+9	0.22	2	26.07	+0.36	97	3171	+467	5340
	Du_Bois	60	29	46	+9	0.68	3	36.10	+6.53	107	3111	+876	5237
	Elizabethville	65	24	45	+5	0.49	2	28.84	-0.57	75	3364	+640	5512
	Lewistown	69	28	48	+8	0.33	2	28.99	+0.50	91	3394	+573	5573
	Middletown	67	30	50	+8	0.22	2	30.55	+2.91	74	4065	+740	6326
	Prince_Gallitzi	63	22	46	+7	0.45	2	30.66	+3.57	109	2842	+512	4902
	Selinsgrove_2S	67	26	46	+6	0.77	2	27.03	-2.38	81	3247	+523	5385
	State_College_P	65	29	47	+8	0.23	2	30.88	+3.72	105	3072	+509	5197
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	68	26	48	+8	0.56	1	27.45	-3.55	69	3685	+858	5896
	Lehighton	62	27	43	+6	1.10	2	36.87	+2.62	88	2907	+478	5026
	Mt_Pocono	61	26	44	+10	1.51	2	37.72	+4.31	83	2602	+840	4659
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	67	34	52	+13	0.36	2	32.88	+6.69	100	3596	+1021	5826
	Chalk_Hill	64	28	47	+9	0.59	3	32.75	-3.30	117	3029	+772	5177
	Connellsville_A	65	30	48	+7	0.64	3	33.13	+3.23	111	3437	+668	5625
	Indiana_3SE	64	27	45	+5	0.89	3	37.51	+5.09	114	2857	+251	4979
	Meyersdale	63	25	43	+6	0.63	3	27.73	-2.19	106	2439	+280	4457
	Pittsburgh_Intl	65	32	51	+10	0.21	3	29.89	+3.97	86	3653	+785	5870
	Waynesburg	70	27	49	+9	0.44	3	26.59	-0.56	93	3140	+508	5290
South Central	Biglerville	67	28	48	+9	1.02	2	37.11	+7.40	68	3594	+796	5794
	Everett	69	23	46	+7	0.38	3	25.84	-0.85	96	2738	+211	4816
	Hanover	68	26	48	+5	0.20	2	31.90	+6.33	80	3478	+208	5665
	Harrisburg_AP	68	29	51	+8	0.31	2	31.43	+3.79	73	3933	+608	6184
	South_Mountain	62	26	46	+5	0.46	2	29.84	-3.27	85	2880	-185	4987
York_AP	67	24	49	+7	0.13	2	35.04	+6.06	75	3514	+299	5720	
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	67	30	48	+3	1.48	1	26.89	-5.15	65	3598	+128	5790
	Green_Lane	67	30	47	+6	0.85	1	27.80	-2.39	62	3561	+717	5755
	Hamburg	66	30	47	+6	0.52	2	35.36	+2.98	76	3446	+511	5624
	Lancaster_AP	64	29	48	+7	0.14	2	26.90	-3.04	71	3591	+483	5805
	Neshaminy_Falls	69	29	48	+6	0.50	1	28.11	-6.16	66	3724	+535	5933
	New_Holland	66	32	49	+7	0.47	1	27.64	-5.13	70	3874	+1059	6113
	Philadelphia_AP	70	39	54	+8	0.82	1	29.66	+1.87	63	4647	+924	6959
	Philadelphia_NE	70	36	53	+10	1.28	1	24.74	-9.53	64	4463	+1274	6752
	Reading_AP	68	28	49	+7	0.20	2	25.49	-4.98	66	3861	+710	6091
	Sellersville	66	23	45	+3	0.93	2	27.12	-6.70	67	3255	+293	5381
West_Chester	68	26	47	+4	0.90	1	28.42	-3.50	74	3535	+384	5710	

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
Copyright 2015: Agricultural Weather Information Service, Inc. All rights reserved.

## 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 overall. Wednesday into Thursday received an inch of rainfall and temperatures were seasonal. Temperatures over the weekend were colder only high 40's with some wind which made it feel colder. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested in the county but still some more acreages to be harvested. Mills are finally getting room to take grain again from producers. Most producers are reporting very good yields but some areas that missed the showers in August are suffering yield loss. Producers thought because stalks were pretty decent that yields were going to be ok but found out differently when harvesting those acreages. East of Gettysburg towards Fairfield seems to be the area that suffered the most. Some cover crops and late wheat also seeded where soil conditions permitted. Apple harvest is complete with most growers reporting good yields but the biggest concern this year seemed to be the labor to pick the apple crop. Other vegetables are done unless in high tunnel which there are more around the county now. Overall the producers are finishing up with field work and preparing equipment for winter storage and also getting ready for their hunting seasons and celebrating Thanksgiving with their families and friends for the crop year that they had.

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

Hauling manure, baling corn fodder, mowing orchards and preparing for hunting season was the activity this week.

### **ADAMS County, Lee Showalter**

The apple crop is harvested. Last report!

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

Very little corn left to be harvested. Preparing for the onset of winter.

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

Field work essentially complete. Some manure hauling continues.

### **INDIANA County, Scott Overdorff**

Well harvesting has come to an end. The soy beans are all cut. The corn is all picked and or shelled. The oats crop was not bad but it didn't set the world on fire. Had some average to above average hay. The soy beans were average to less than average. And the corn was the same as the soy beans. Not the greatest year for crops. So lets put this year behind us and look forward to a better year next year. And hope for better prices too. Hope everyone has a safe farming week! And HAPPY THANKSGIVING to everyone too!

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

The harvest season is near completion and the seeding of grain and cover crops are also near completion. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

A few late corn and double crop beans remain for harvest and some very late rye was planted last week. Tobacco is being brought from the barns and put in to cellars to begin stripping.

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

Lime and fall fertilization applications continues at a brisk pace as truck and tractor spreaders are able to move in the harvested fields. Corn and soybean seed dealers are busy getting early orders as this is the early order discount season to obtain the best varieties before sold out choices occur.

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

A few acres of corn and some double crop soybeans left to harvest. Wheat is looking good.