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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

Pennsylvania had a fair week for field activities with an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 80° (F), a low of 37° (F) and a state average temperature of 60° (F). It was a rainy week with some locations across the state having up to 2 inches of precipitation. Wet weather still keeping a lot of corn and soybeans in the bag. Most fields which have emerged look very good. Hay for forage was chopped early week but also has stopped due to field conditions. Some hay has lodged from heavy rains. Hay continues to grow in height. Small grains are looking pretty good. Field activities were limited due to the rain, but some cutting of hay and planting early in the week.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 28, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	75	25
SUBSOIL	0	0	88	12

### Crop Conditions as of May 28, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	1	74	25
BARLEY	0	1	3	66	30
CHERRIES	0	0	2	98	0
CORN	0	1	22	69	8
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	9	80	11
HAY, OTHER	0	2	12	59	27
OATS	0	0	13	86	1
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	5	21	46	28
PEACHES	0	0	1	48	51
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	11	56	31

## Crop Progress as of May 28, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PETAL FALL	37	N/A	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: PLANTED	17	N/A	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: EMERGED	16	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHERRIES: FULL BLOOM	97	94	93	N/A
CHERRIES: PETAL FALL	25	N/A	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	75	59	78	82
CORN: EMERGED	53	30	49	56
OATS: PLANTED	96	94	97	98
OATS: EMERGED	93	87	93	93
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	47	34	55	59
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	18	<5	19	29
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	95	92	N/A	N/A

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## May 29, 2017 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	73	42	59	-1	1.72	5	9.81	+2.46	32	337	+100	810
	Erie	74	50	60	-2	1.37	3	7.92	+1.68	27	364	+83	844
	Franklin_AG	76	45	61	0	1.35	4	8.43	+1.48	30	379	+115	863
	Meadville-Port	73	49	60	0	1.19	4	8.47	+1.90	29	415	+186	897
	Springboro	74	47	59	-1	1.56	4	9.06	+3.08	33	306	+72	760
	Titusville	75	43	60	+1	1.50	4	9.40	+2.15	27	304	+106	778
	Warren	75	44	59	-1	1.47	4	10.24	+3.14	32	331	+91	801
North Central	Bradford_Region	70	37	57	0	2.06	5	9.66	+2.78	33	311	+144	753
	Coudersport_1SW	73	37	57	-1	1.52	5	8.13	+1.80	35	222	+23	650
	Kane	71	38	57	+2	2.33	5	10.51	+3.14	28	231	+99	659
	Laporte	69	45	56	-2	1.13	4	10.82	+4.20	24	237	+48	676
	Lock_Haven	76	45	61	-1	1.10	4	8.24	+1.78	30	439	+133	958
	Oswayo	73	44	59	+2	1.38	5	8.49	+2.47	26	232	+68	647
	Renovo	75	46	61	-1	1.09	5	8.47	+2.34	33	416	+97	925
	Ridgway	74	41	59	+1	2.06	5	10.74	+3.56	27	317	+145	784
	Stevenson_Dam	73	43	58	-2	1.32	3	7.12	+0.52	18	284	+48	761
	Towanda	77	46	61	0	0.71	4	7.51	+1.52	28	388	+134	882
	Wellsboro	70	41	57	-1	1.38	5	9.23	+4.08	29	253	+89	696
	Williamsport_AP	76	50	62	-1	0.87	5	7.99	+1.19	32	536	+203	1069
Northeast	Hawley	71	44	58	-1	0.60	3	6.85	-0.41	26	290	+102	770
	Milanville	73	44	59	0	0.39	4	7.74	+0.48	25	320	+132	807
	Pleasant_Mount	69	41	55	-1	0.76	4	12.35	+3.83	27	219	+110	647
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	74	50	62	-1	0.34	2	5.79	-0.72	24	517	+192	1033
West Central	Butler	72	43	59	-1	2.05	6	9.34	+2.11	34	368	+127	865
	New_Castle_Ag	80	48	64	+2	1.69	5	9.19	+2.88	30	504	+213	1023
	Slippery_Rock	72	44	59	0	2.23	4	10.18	+3.34	28	348	+142	827
Central	Altoona_AP	78	46	61	-1	1.11	4	6.83	+0.20	28	528	+200	1048
	Du_Bois	70	42	58	-2	1.52	5	6.58	-0.13	31	381	+140	867
	Elizabethville	71	45	59	-3	0.32	2	5.83	-1.12	27	438	+123	949
	Lewistown	73	48	61	-2	0.83	3	8.14	+1.28	29	473	+116	1006
	Middletown	74	52	62	-3	0.59	4	6.80	-0.59	23	595	+149	1147
	Prince_Gallitzi	72	40	57	-3	1.05	5	7.11	+0.54	37	313	+60	773
	Selinsgrove_2S	72	48	59	-3	0.93	4	7.07	+0.12	28	430	+115	946
	State_College_P	72	48	60	-2	1.41	4	8.00	+1.63	32	431	+130	949
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	75	50	62	-1	0.88	4	6.48	-0.97	25	536	+205	1070
	Lehighton	72	51	59	-2	0.62	4	7.49	-0.69	28	399	+138	917
	Mt_Pocono	67	47	56	-1	0.09	3	6.96	-1.42	24	261	+125	717
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	76	49	63	+1	2.09	5	8.31	+1.65	32	600	+310	1126
	Connellsville_A	76	49	63	0	1.44	5	10.40	+2.83	33	529	+193	1046
	Grays_Landing	79	47	62	-2	1.86	6	9.52	+1.97	34	494	+56	1012
	Indiana_3SE	72	44	60	-2	1.60	6	9.48	+1.82	34	404	+90	903
	Meyersdale	69	42	56	-3	1.07	7	8.91	+0.72	35	314	+96	777
	Pittsburgh_Intl	76	47	63	0	1.84	5	7.96	+1.61	28	592	+230	1116
	Waynesburg	77	46	62	0	1.33	6	8.92	+1.97	32	472	+165	978
South Central	Biglerville	70	50	60	-3	1.60	4	8.18	+0.64	23	533	+212	1064
	Everett	75	46	60	-1	1.11	3	8.33	+1.53	26	400	+111	901
	Hanover	70	51	60	-5	1.18	6	8.04	+1.34	33	524	+86	1054
	Harrisburg_AP	74	51	62	-3	0.22	2	6.24	-1.15	22	628	+182	1179
	South_Mountain	64	49	56	-8	1.61	5	8.78	+0.28	27	422	-9	918
	York_AP	72	52	61	-4	0.79	6	6.01	-1.23	30	548	+109	1078
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	75	55	64	-2	1.69	5	7.41	-0.71	28	644	+179	1204
	Hamburg	74	51	60	-4	1.07	5	7.28	-0.54	27	483	+120	1015
	Lancaster_AP	76	52	62	-2	0.71	5	6.53	-0.55	26	567	+175	1106
	Neshaminy_Falls	76	47	62	-2	1.74	5	8.71	+0.48	17	524	+139	1080
	New_Holland	74	53	62	-1	1.68	4	6.84	-1.32	25	557	+221	1110
	Philadelphia_AP	76	55	64	-3	2.83	4	9.27	+2.36	21	687	+190	1247
	Philadelphia_NE	78	56	64	0	1.65	4	7.61	-0.62	21	661	+276	1219
	Pottstown	73	51	61	-2	1.54	6	6.53	-0.93	26	503	+169	1036
	Reading_AP	76	52	63	-2	0.65	5	5.19	-2.47	27	584	+180	1122
	Sellersville	72	49	60	-4	1.85	5	7.44	-0.96	26	464	+106	993
	West_Chester	75	55	64	0	1.46	5	7.80	+0.10	24	524	+116	1056

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's morning temperatures have been around 56 degrees all week. Daytime temperatures have been mid 60's. Sunshine Monday through Wednesday but then early Thursday morning rain started and ended about lunchtime on Thursday. York Springs received 1.5 inches and other parts of the county received about the same amount. We are wet so fieldwork halted. Corn and Soybeans were planted Monday thru Wednesday but with the rainfall received Thursday planters/drills have stopped due to wet field conditions. Some of the earlier planted corn and soybeans are now emerged but need some sunshine. Hay for forage was chopped early week but also has stopped due to field conditions. Some hay has lodged from heavy rains yesterday morning. Hay continues to grow in height. Small grains are looking pretty good. Apples, peaches and cherry crops are looking pretty good. Peaches are about golf ball size and apples are growing too from viewing from roadway. Producers are kept busy with spraying for insects and diseases this time of the year. Vegetables are doing well. Strawberries are being harvested now in the county. Overall the producers are being kept on their toes with all different types of work going on at the same time. All hoping for nice crops this year.

### **ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr**

Weather was wet and cool this week but which limited the field work. Need some warmer temperatures to get the crops going. Fruit still looks good.

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

Some field work possible between rain events. Corn and beans have emerged and look good. Grass hay starting to head, some dry weather needed to harvest dry hay. 1.25 inches of rainfall for the week.

### **DAUPHIN/PERRY County, Liz Bosak**

Another cool and rainy week for Dauphin and Perry Counties. Corn and some soybean fields are between emergence and v2 growth stages. Wheat and other small grains are flowering. In woodland areas, lady slipper orchids, mountain laurel, and brambles are in bloom

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

Nearly one inch of rainfall was the norm for the area. Barley is lodging and the wheat is flowering. The chopping of forage is near completion. Very little dry hay has been made. Planting and spraying were the main activities for the week

### **LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson**

Farmers are scattering to plant corn and take in first cuttings of silage hay in the brief period of dry weather that was had this past week. With a week of rain in the forecast, spring planting and harvests will continue to be a challenge. Pasture conditions continue to improve after a muddy start to the spring.

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

Wet weather still keeping a lot of corn and soybeans in the bag. Most fields which have emerged look very good. Seeing some slug and cutworm damage in corn. Not nearly as extensive as last year at this period in time. Hearing of moderate leaf hopper infestations in alfalfa. Some folks are spraying second cutting most waiting until after second cutting.

### **MERCER County, James P. Rust**

3.1 inches of rainfall this past week. Need warmer temperatures and sunlight for the crops to a rebound.

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

Poor week for field work. Around 2.5" of rain fell in the past week. No field work except for a little spraying. About 1/2 the corn still needs to be planted and the majority of the soybeans. Most of the alfalfa has been cut but nearly all the grass hay remains to be cut. Fields are saturated and a few days of sun are needed just to allow traffic back on them.

### **SOMERSET County, Dale Kriner**

2.5 inches of rain fell over the weekend. Several heavy downpours resulted in some flooding. A lot of gully erosion also occurred and is readily apparent.

### **WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega**

Damp conditions early week slowed corn and soybean planting. Second half of week good for planting and haying.

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

Slow emergence and growth of corn and soybeans. Wheat fields generally in flower.