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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – September 11th, 2017:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 88° (F), a low of 34° (F) and a state average temperature of 61° (F). Decreasing temperatures slowed the progress on bean maturity, but the crop still looks excellent. Thunderstorm and rain were reported in some areas with some strong wind, heavy rain and hail. Peach harvest is nearly completed, growers are satisfied with their crop. Apples, vegetables and pumpkins continue to be harvested and are available at farmers markets. Field activities involved the harvesting of apples, potatoes, and pumpkins with some corn silage.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 10, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	5	4	90	1
SUBSOIL	5	3	91	1

## Crop Conditions as of September 10, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	10	52	38
CORN	0	1	12	44	43
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	12	62	23
HAY, OTHER	0	1	14	68	17
OATS	0	4	16	77	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	7	20	64	9
SOYBEANS	0	1	9	55	35
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	9	87	4

## Crop Progress as of September 10, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	53	40	50	46
BARLEY: PLANTED	15	14	<5	12
CORN: MILK	95	90	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	79	66	95	93
CORN: DENTED	57	38	72	69
CORN: MATURE	16	<5	20	21
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	105	105	90	N/A
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	17	15	12	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	86	83	93	91
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	34	29	56	55
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	93	91	93	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	71	69	N/A	N/A
OATS: MATURE	98	94	N/A	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	89	86	92	95
PEACHES: HARVESTED	90	85	86	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	90	81	91	N/A
TOBACCO: CUT	81	67	83	N/A

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## September 10, 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	80	42	58	-5	1.20	6	25.81	+1.57	81	2148	+158	3675
	Erie	82	46	61	-5	3.49	5	23.53	+3.50	68	2339	-4	3862
	Franklin_AG	81	41	59	-6	1.11	6	29.41	+6.46	73	2286	+104	3820
	Meadville-Port	80	39	59	-5	0.43	5	20.28	-1.32	71	2209	+187	3725
	Springboro	79	36	57	-6	1.15	6	22.04	+1.94	83	1947	-116	3451
	Titusville	80	39	58	-4	1.69	5	26.03	+3.29	67	2056	+210	3580
Warren	79	42	58	-6	2.60	6	27.44	+4.86	81	2101	+17	3621	
North Central	Bradford_Region	73	34	55	-5	1.19	6	25.86	+3.40	83	1701	+100	3179
	Coudersport_1SW	77	39	55	-5	1.04	6	22.47	+0.53	89	1641	-41	3119
	Kane	75	34	54	-4	1.26	6	26.11	+3.10	74	1591	+193	3066
	Laporte	72	43	55	-7	0.64	5	31.20	+11.63	73	1718	-101	3207
	Lock_Haven	81	44	60	-5	1.09	6	28.08	+6.80	83	2486	+169	4055
	Oswayo	75	39	55	-5	1.44	6	19.61	-1.29	69	1543	-100	3012
	Renovo	80	44	60	-5	1.24	6	26.37	+6.64	87	2305	+6	3864
	Ridgway	77	40	58	-3	1.19	6	27.24	+4.67	74	1967	+258	3485
	Stevenson_Dam	78	43	57	-7	0.95	6	18.31	-3.12	56	1929	-176	3454
	Towanda	79	46	59	-5	0.43	5	21.14	+3.77	78	2281	+160	3825
	Wellsboro	74	39	56	-4	0.99	6	22.34	+4.59	82	1719	+71	3211
	Williamsport_AP	82	48	62	-4	0.60	5	27.88	+7.46	81	2682	+265	4265
Northeast	Hawley	75	46	57	-5	1.31	6	22.97	+2.68	79	1922	+77	3451
	Milanville	80	46	61	-1	1.35	4	20.03	-0.26	73	2101	+256	3638
	Pleasant_Mount	74	43	57	-1	0.85	3	30.08	+6.21	78	1697	+260	3168
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	80	46	61	-4	1.24	4	21.69	+2.72	73	2528	+168	4091
West Central	Butler	79	39	58	-6	1.00	6	24.61	+2.83	84	2152	+90	3696
	New_Castle_Ag	81	37	59	-7	0.71	5	22.75	+2.71	76	2546	+254	4115
	Slippery_Rock	80	40	57	-6	0.61	5	24.18	+2.44	69	2111	+229	3640
Central	Altoona_AP	79	39	59	-6	0.80	3	21.92	+3.53	76	2427	+79	3997
	Du_Bois	77	42	58	-5	0.47	5	20.55	-1.09	80	2016	+26	3541
	Elizabethville	78	42	59	-7	0.98	3	26.62	+5.81	70	2365	-28	3926
	Lewistown	82	44	61	-5	1.18	4	23.28	+2.88	81	2614	+151	4197
	Middletown	82	51	64	-5	1.74	3	25.42	+5.94	64	3030	+175	4631
	Prince_Gallitzi	81	37	57	-6	1.27	6	24.64	+5.22	93	2106	+40	3615
	Selinsgrove_2S	79	44	60	-6	0.53	4	25.03	+4.22	75	2481	+88	4047
	State_College_P	79	44	60	-4	1.03	4	22.77	+3.52	75	2396	+130	3964
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	86	46	63	-3	2.29	4	32.01	+10.02	67	2764	+292	4348
	Lehighon	77	46	59	-5	2.16	4	28.33	+4.19	81	2270	+114	3837
	Mt_Pocono	75	46	57	-3	1.86	4	24.20	+1.10	72	1699	+91	3192
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	80	46	61	-4	0.61	4	33.65	+14.42	82	2654	+411	4228
	Connellsville_A	81	45	61	-5	1.11	3	31.55	+9.49	84	2648	+246	4215
	Grays_Landing	79	39	60	-8	0.63	2	30.33	+8.94	76	2499	-168	4067
	Indiana_3SE	79	41	58	-7	0.84	4	33.06	+9.52	84	2235	-14	3784
	Meyersdale	78	37	56	-7	1.05	4	27.45	+6.01	84	1895	-16	3408
	Pittsburgh_Intl	81	46	61	-6	0.36	2	21.86	+2.54	72	2654	+173	4224
South Central	Waynesburg	81	43	60	-6	0.95	5	30.64	+10.56	79	2438	+147	3996
	Biglerville	84	48	63	-3	1.36	2	21.52	+1.07	59	2841	+392	4422
	Everett	82	39	59	-6	0.42	3	25.50	+6.66	70	2255	+44	3806
	Hanover	85	43	62	-6	1.80	3	23.82	+6.12	77	2758	-51	4338
	Harrisburg_AP	82	48	65	-4	1.37	3	21.47	+1.99	67	3071	+216	4671
	South_Mountain	78	42	59	-8	1.28	3	27.27	+4.29	77	2288	-328	3834
Southeast	York_AP	84	43	62	-6	1.77	2	19.47	-0.97	67	2766	+9	4345
	Doylestown_AG	88	48	65	-5	0.45	2	23.27	+0.45	72	3160	+215	4770
	Hamburg	80	48	62	-5	2.19	3	36.15	+13.51	75	2632	+59	4214
	Lancaster_AP	84	46	63	-5	1.26	2	21.79	+1.14	63	2923	+242	4512
	Neshaminy_Falls	87	49	65	-4	0.74	2	26.14	+1.45	55	2789	+51	4383
	New_Holland	84	46	64	-2	1.45	2	25.56	+3.06	61	2921	+490	4519
	Philadelphia_AP	88	54	68	-3	0.68	2	24.41	+4.30	59	3303	+190	4913
	Philadelphia_NE	88	53	68	-1	0.71	2	22.87	-1.82	57	3224	+486	4831
	Pottstown	84	46	62	-4	0.91	2	25.12	+3.84	66	2598	+131	4180
	Reading_AP	84	46	63	-5	1.81	4	27.86	+6.25	76	2874	+162	4461
West Chester	Sellersville	79	40	61	-6	1.26	3	25.62	+1.84	69	2607	+57	4186
	West_Chester	88	54	68	0	0.98	3	25.08	+2.77	73	3176	+465	4754

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

## 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 had nice start of week on Monday sunny and 80 degrees. Tuesday nice weather till around 3:30 pm then storms ripped Adams County up. Some areas harder hit than others but all had wind, rains, hail and trees and wires down. Some areas without electric for almost 24 hours. Hard hit areas had farm equipment buildings, shops, bank barn roofs and total buildings blown apart from straight line winds. Producers having issues with getting insurance adjusters out to access damage due to being in Texas. York Springs had 1.5 inches of rainfall during storm and hail from pea size to quarter size in the county. Wednesday morning was 50 degrees and only 60 during day but rainy and cloudy all day long. 1.25 inches around York Springs. Thursday was sunny started in 50's and got into 70's daytime. Today is 50 morning and sunny. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Some corn silage being harvested the beginning of week till Tuesday's storm came in afternoon. Some early special variety soybeans are being harvested also. Very little hay made due to weather this week. Fields have scattered debris from storms on Tuesday so producers have to watch when working in the fields. Peach harvest is completed but still some available at fruit markets or farmers markets. Apples continue to be harvested. Apples took a hit with hail damage from Tuesday's storms and also had from earlier hail this summer. Asian pears also damaged from hail that were just about ready to be harvested. No guarantees with crops until they are harvested and in the bins for damage that storms/weather can do. Vegetables continue to be harvested along with pumpkins throughout the county. Available at farmers markets and at farm markets. Overall the producers had slow

week of field work but kept plenty busy with cleanup or dealing with storm damage and dealing with insurance companies.

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

Cool weather has slowed the progress on bean maturity, but crop still looks excellent. Corn fodder is drying down finally enough to allow decent silage harvesting conditions. Tonnage is excellent. Peach harvest is completed with growers satisfied with their crop. Apples are ahead of schedule with a very normal crop expected. A producer south east of Chambersburg has planted 80 acres of black oil sunflowers and they are now in full bloom - - a great sight on a large rolling hill field. Access is easily accessible from the road. Go to [www.lesherpoultryfarm.com](http://www.lesherpoultryfarm.com) and scroll down and click on "Current News from the Farm" to see a picture.

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

Early fall work underway. Some warm weather with showers needed to finish late season soybeans. 1 inch rainfall for the week.

### **COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum**

RECEIVED RAIN. SOME SOYBEAN FIELDS YELLOWING RAPIDLY. SOME CORN FIELDS SHOWING LEAF DISEASE ABOVE THE EAR

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

Very dry. Only 0.7 inches of rain the past 3 weeks with very dry conditions before this period.

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