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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – August 13th, 2017:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 86° (F), a low of 43° (F) and a state average temperature of 67.3° (F). A fair week for field activities with some heavy rains reported over select parts of Pennsylvania. Peach harvest is ahead of schedule by nearly a week. Quality is excellent and yields are better than average in some varieties. Apples are doing. A large majority of crops reached maturity and ready for harvesting. For the most part, fruit and vegetables are doing okay. Corn and soybeans continue to. Double-cropped soybeans are finally growing and getting some height. Hay continues to be made when conditions permit. Some producers are preparing for cover crops to be planted. Some areas of the state reported heavy rains putting a damper on field activities. Main activities for the week included cutting alfalfa, haymaking, bailing straw and spraying.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 13, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	6	7	83	4
SUBSOIL	4	7	85	4

Crop Conditions as of August 13, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	1	64	35
BARLEY	0	1	20	69	10
CORN	0	1	9	42	48
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	9	64	26
HAY, OTHER	0	0	16	60	24
OATS	2	3	10	80	5
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	4	21	71	4
PEACHES	0	0	2	47	51
SOYBEANS	0	1	5	50	44
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	12	83	4

Crop Progress as of August 13, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	21	17	27	25
CORN: SILKING	89	82	95	95
CORN: MILK	69	53	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	28	14	46	47
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	98	97	83	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	96	92	N/A	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	56	50	65	68
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	78	68	86	82
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	32	15	N/A	N/A
OATS: MATURE	88	75	87	91
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	64	44	71	73
PEACHES: HARVESTED	59	50	69	65
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	88	83	83	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	33	N/A	66	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	94	93	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	90	87	N/A	N/A

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August 13, 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	50	65	-4	0.08	3	23.72	+3.79	72	1761	+201	3008
	Erie	84	60	70	-2	0.10	2	18.22	+2.45	59	1876	+57	3119
	Franklin_AG	82	52	67	-3	0.08	2	26.10	+7.06	62	1874	+168	3128
	Meadville-Port	79	55	67	-2	0.26	2	18.55	+1.03	63	1809	+233	3045
	Springboro	84	50	65	-4	0.36	2	19.74	+3.25	69	1601	-25	2825
	Titusville	81	50	66	-1	0.28	2	22.73	+4.13	57	1689	+239	2933
	Warren	82	45	65	-5	0.19	2	22.29	+3.83	70	1708	+83	2948
North Central	Bradford_Region	77	45	63	-3	0.00	0	22.55	+3.98	69	1416	+155	2616
	Coudersport_1SW	79	43	63	-3	0.02	1	19.31	+1.16	76	1360	+28	2558
	Kane	78	45	62	-2	0.03	1	22.75	+3.91	64	1330	+222	2528
	Laporte	75	51	63	-5	0.34	3	28.08	+11.97	60	1444	+18	2653
	Lock_Haven	84	53	68	-3	1.04	5	23.52	+5.95	69	2057	+235	3346
	Oswayo	80	47	66	0	0.16	3	16.64	-0.62	62	1308	+19	2497
	Renovo	81	53	67	-4	1.31	5	22.99	+6.66	73	1896	+82	3175
	Ridgway	81	46	64	-3	0.01	1	24.39	+5.51	63	1620	+284	2858
	Stevenson_Dam	81	48	65	-5	0.50	3	15.22	-2.44	42	1583	-55	2830
	Towanda	83	52	67	-3	0.50	5	18.95	+4.49	67	1889	+222	3153
	Wellsboro	78	48	63	-3	0.36	5	19.97	+5.04	72	1445	+150	2658
Williamsport_AP	82	55	70	-2	0.41	4	25.52	+8.45	68	2202	+297	3505	
Northeast	Hawley	75	46	63	-5	1.51	3	20.10	+3.18	64	1608	+162	2858
	Milanville	82	51	67	-1	1.81	5	17.66	+0.74	62	1703	+257	2960
	Pleasant_Mount	82	48	64	-1	0.97	3	26.54	+6.61	65	1380	+245	2573
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	82	54	69	-2	1.29	3	18.81	+2.99	60	2096	+231	3379
West Central	Butler	79	49	65	-4	0.12	2	21.06	+3.03	70	1774	+158	3038
	New_Castle_Ag	82	50	68	-3	0.07	2	20.30	+3.65	62	2142	+349	3431
	Slippery_Rock	80	49	65	-3	0.04	2	22.53	+4.53	60	1723	+253	2972
Central	Altoona_AP	78	48	65	-6	1.42	4	19.21	+3.48	64	2035	+181	3325
	Du_Bois	79	50	65	-4	0.10	2	18.95	+1.09	68	1661	+95	2906
	Elizabethville	80	51	66	-6	2.80	4	23.37	+6.24	61	1957	+71	3238
	Lewistown	82	53	68	-4	2.02	6	19.90	+2.54	69	2151	+212	3454
	Middletown	84	61	72	-3	1.23	4	21.78	+5.49	55	2486	+229	3807
	Prince_Gallitzi	80	45	65	-4	1.02	4	21.81	+5.93	79	1736	+106	2965
	Selinsgrove_2S	80	54	67	-5	1.03	5	23.41	+6.28	63	2051	+165	3337
	State_College_P	79	54	66	-5	1.06	4	19.97	+4.01	64	1980	+190	3268
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	86	55	71	-1	1.74	3	25.25	+7.31	55	2269	+316	3573
	Lehighton	82	53	67	-3	1.87	5	23.63	+3.81	69	1873	+180	3160
	Mt_Pocono	75	46	63	-3	1.72	3	21.23	+2.24	59	1389	+129	2603
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	81	53	68	-2	0.77	4	29.40	+13.20	70	2182	+422	3476
	Cornellsville_A	84	53	68	-3	0.18	2	27.41	+8.78	73	2160	+271	3447
	Grays_Landing	82	52	67	-6	0.28	1	26.87	+8.94	68	2048	-55	3336
	Indiana_3SE	82	49	65	-5	0.73	3	29.58	+9.87	72	1831	+64	3100
	Meyersdale	80	45	64	-4	0.70	4	24.15	+6.19	72	1562	+67	2795
	Pittsburgh_Intl	81	54	69	-3	0.25	2	19.50	+3.27	63	2175	+220	3465
	Waynesburg	82	50	66	-5	0.23	3	26.95	+10.27	68	1999	+202	3277
South Central	Biglerville	86	56	70	-2	0.86	4	18.65	+1.77	51	2346	+421	3647
	Everett	82	48	65	-5	1.25	4	23.90	+7.94	60	1851	+115	3122
	Hanover	85	55	69	-5	0.58	4	20.00	+5.56	63	2282	+57	3582
	Harrisburg_AP	84	57	71	-4	1.41	4	18.23	+1.94	54	2523	+266	3843
	South_Mountain	81	51	67	-5	0.57	4	23.94	+5.04	64	1919	-151	3185
	York_AP	84	53	69	-5	0.49	3	15.55	-1.47	55	2297	+118	3596
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	84	57	71	-5	1.01	2	19.33	+0.64	64	2641	+315	3971
	Hamburg	82	58	70	-3	2.37	4	28.15	+9.20	62	2170	+136	3472
	Lancaster_AP	82	57	71	-3	0.79	4	15.75	-1.46	51	2416	+308	3725
	Neshaminy_Falls	86	54	72	-2	0.96	2	22.67	+2.48	47	2238	+89	3552
	New_Holland	85	60	72	0	1.35	3	17.84	-0.90	50	2399	+489	3717
	Philadelphia_AP	86	64	74	-3	0.64	3	20.04	+3.47	51	2678	+234	4008
	Philadelphia_NE	87	63	74	0	1.09	2	19.17	-1.02	46	2602	+453	3929
	Pottstown	82	55	70	-2	0.84	3	20.79	+3.49	56	2126	+180	3428
	Reading_AP	84	57	71	-3	1.06	4	21.36	+3.41	63	2368	+229	3675
	Sellersville	84	57	70	-3	0.94	2	20.21	+0.45	57	2140	+135	3439
	West_Chester	86	64	74	0	0.89	4	20.31	+1.79	59	2551	+410	3849

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 most mornings starting around low 60's and got into the mid 80's. Monday 0.4" rain and cloudy, Tuesday 0.4" rain and cloudy then cleared and sunny afternoon. Wednesday was sunny and Thursday was sunny and very nice weather for August. This morning is cloudy and 66 degrees and calling for some rain today and tomorrow. Corn and soybeans continue to mature and looking like yields should be pretty decent this year. Double-cropped soybeans are finally growing and getting some height. Hay continues to be made when conditions permit. Some producers are preparing for cover crops to be planted in the county. Peaches continue to be harvested with good yields and flavor this year. Early apple varieties are being harvested and are about 2 weeks ahead of normal harvest. More varieties will be harvested for a while. Vegetables are doing well in the county. Available at roadside markets or farmers markets. Overall the crops are looking pretty good and producers are thankful for the rain we are receiving. The rains are still sporadic but all areas are getting a little at a time.

ADAMS/FRANLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Some rain late in the week, but overall it was a good week for field work. Peach harvest is ahead of schedule by nearly a week. Quality is excellent, and yields are better than average in some varieties. Apples are doing well but yields may be less than normal due to spring conditions. Corn and beans are the best in the past few years. Some early silage expected to be harvested late next week in the southern part of the county.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good week for field work. 1/2 inch of rainfall.

COLUMBIA County, John O. Yocum

RECEIVED 1" OF RAIN AGAIN

DAUPHIN/PERRY County, Liz Bosak

Low disease pressure in soybeans so far. With the current weather pattern, it is expected that disease pressure will increase for soybeans and corn. It is that time of year to scout for northern corn leaf blight and gray leaf spot. Insect pressure in soybeans remains low with Japanese beetles and grasshoppers most frequently sighted. Bumblebees have been very active in soybean fields since many soybean plants are in full bloom to beginning pod stage. Grasses and many broadleaves are in flower including marehail (horseweed).

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

Another week of heavy rain that limited the field activities. Rainfall in excess of two inches was common for the week. Soybeans are beginning to lodge and the corn is taller than normal. The activities for the week were baling straw, clipping pastures and stubbles, and spraying for fall seeding.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Tobacco harvest in full swing with excellent size and color. Despite frequent rains I am only seeing modest disease pressure in soybean and corn fields. In general these crops look excellent and I expect high yields and high quality across most of the county. Seeing a lot of broadleaf weeds, some poisonous across pastures, hay fields, field boundaries and fallow areas. This would be a good time to spray field boundaries and problem hay fields in preparation for clean fields next year.

WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega

Good week for field work. Crops progressing. Hay making moving along.

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