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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – September 5th, 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 36° (F) and a state average temperature of 61° (F). Good week for making hay but cool weather slowed soybeans. Peach harvest is wrapping up with decent yields being reported. Apple harvest in full swing. Vegetables are still being harvested and available at farm markets. Field activities included making hay, preparing for fall harvest, seeding of cover crops and other tillage for fall crops.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 3, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	4	13	83	0
SUBSOIL	4	3	91	2

## Crop Conditions as of September 3, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	2	60	38
CORN	0	1	11	44	44
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	6	73	21
HAY, OTHER	0	0	13	74	13
OATS	0	4	16	77	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	4	17	73	4
SOYBEANS	0	0	7	55	38
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	9	87	4

## Crop Progress as of September 3, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	40	33	40	39
BARLEY: PLANTED	14	13	0	<5
CORN: MILK	90	83	91	87
CORN: DOUGH	66	56	87	86
CORN: DENTED	38	19	61	56
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	105	103	90	N/A
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	15	11	6	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	83	81	91	88
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	29	18	47	45
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	91	88	92	N/A
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	69	56	N/A	N/A
OATS: MATURE	94	92	96	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	86	85	88	93
PEACHES: HARVESTED	85	78	80	85
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	95	92	92	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	81	77	89	N/A
TOBACCO: CUT	67	51	69	N/A

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## September 3, 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	76	46	61	-4	0.50	2	24.61	+1.56	75	2088	+187	3545
	Erie	79	50	65	-3	0.22	1	20.04	+1.13	63	2264	+35	3717
	Franklin_AG	77	46	62	-5	0.27	3	28.30	+6.40	67	2223	+142	3687
	Meadville-Port	77	46	63	-2	0.16	1	19.85	-0.70	66	2148	+220	3594
	Springboro	77	44	61	-4	0.41	4	20.89	+1.81	77	1898	-74	3332
	Titusville	76	42	59	-5	0.21	1	24.34	+2.71	62	2000	+234	3454
	Warren	76	44	60	-6	0.35	2	24.84	+3.31	75	2043	+56	3493
North Central	Bradford_Region	73	39	57	-5	0.43	3	24.67	+3.26	77	1666	+131	3076
	Coudersport_1SW	74	38	56	-6	0.30	2	21.43	+0.47	83	1603	-10	3011
	Kane	73	37	55	-5	0.39	1	24.85	+2.89	68	1557	+212	2964
	Laporte	70	41	55	-9	0.67	2	30.56	+11.90	68	1679	-62	3098
	Lock_Haven	80	44	60	-7	0.49	1	26.99	+6.67	77	2413	+202	3912
	Oswayo	73	39	56	-6	0.35	2	18.23	-1.69	63	1522	-52	2921
	Renovo	77	45	60	-7	0.39	2	25.13	+6.31	81	2233	+36	3722
	Ridgway	75	42	59	-4	0.27	1	26.05	+4.46	68	1914	+279	3362
	Stevenson_Dam	72	41	57	-9	0.37	2	17.36	-3.09	50	1875	-133	3330
	Towanda	77	43	59	-7	0.41	1	20.71	+4.14	73	2214	+186	3688
	Wellsboro	74	41	56	-6	0.40	2	21.35	+4.37	76	1675	+96	3098
	Williamsport_AP	80	44	62	-6	0.43	1	27.28	+7.80	76	2595	+286	4108
Northeast	Hawley	71	36	56	-8	0.66	3	21.66	+2.28	73	1872	+107	3331
	Milanville	76	39	59	-5	0.59	1	18.73	-0.65	69	2035	+270	3502
	Pleasant_Mount	77	38	56	-4	0.62	3	29.23	+6.41	75	1649	+266	3051
	Wilkes-Barre/Sc	77	43	60	-7	0.42	2	20.45	+2.39	69	2451	+195	3944
West Central	Butler	76	47	62	-4	0.37	3	23.61	+2.81	78	2097	+129	3571
	New_Castle_Ag	80	48	64	-4	0.32	3	22.04	+2.91	71	2486	+303	3985
	Slippery_Rock	77	48	62	-2	0.46	2	23.57	+2.81	64	2057	+262	3516
Central	Altoona_AP	77	46	60	-7	0.62	3	21.12	+3.44	73	2364	+122	3864
	Du_Bois	75	44	59	-6	0.34	2	20.08	-0.58	75	1963	+60	3418
	Elizabethville	79	42	59	-9	0.97	2	25.64	+5.81	67	2297	+11	3788
	Lewistown	81	48	62	-6	0.70	2	22.10	+2.54	77	2533	+182	4046
	Middletown	82	52	64	-7	1.30	3	23.68	+5.07	61	2927	+203	4458
	Prince_Gallitzi	75	42	59	-6	0.35	1	23.37	+4.92	87	2052	+77	3491
	Selinsgrove_2S	79	44	60	-8	0.59	2	24.50	+4.67	71	2410	+124	3906
	State_College_P	75	47	60	-6	0.68	2	21.74	+3.38	71	2327	+159	3825
	East Central	Allentown-Bethl	82	46	63	-5	0.99	2	29.72	+8.78	63	2671	+309
Lehighon		77	42	59	-7	0.94	2	26.17	+3.15	77	2207	+147	3704
Mt_Pocono		71	36	56	-6	0.71	2	22.34	+0.43	68	1649	+106	3072
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	78	52	64	-3	0.40	2	33.04	+14.65	78	2573	+434	4077
	Cornellsville_A	80	52	65	-3	0.08	1	30.44	+9.26	81	2569	+279	4066
	Grays_Landing	78	49	63	-7	0.18	1	29.72	+9.17	74	2423	-117	3921
	Indiana_3SE	77	48	62	-5	0.50	1	32.22	+9.73	80	2177	+32	3656
	Meyersdale	75	48	59	-6	0.28	2	26.40	+5.85	80	1851	+27	3294
	Pittsburgh_Intl	78	52	65	-3	0.09	2	21.50	+2.99	70	2574	+208	4074
	Waynesburg	78	51	63	-4	0.19	1	29.69	+10.41	74	2367	+183	3855
South Central	Biglerville	82	53	63	-5	0.68	3	20.24	+0.87	57	2752	+415	4263
	Everett	79	48	60	-7	0.45	2	25.08	+7.01	67	2192	+82	3673
	Hanover	83	49	62	-8	0.94	5	22.02	+5.22	74	2669	-12	4179
	Harrisburg_AP	84	51	64	-7	0.89	3	20.10	+1.49	64	2969	+245	4499
	South_Mountain	76	49	60	-9	0.75	4	25.99	+4.17	74	2227	-267	3703
	York_AP	82	48	62	-8	0.85	4	17.70	-1.76	65	2683	+54	4192
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	82	48	63	-9	0.97	2	22.82	+1.12	70	3055	+246	4595
	Hamburg	78	46	62	-7	0.94	3	34.29	+12.73	73	2550	+91	4062
	Lancaster_AP	82	50	63	-7	1.08	3	20.53	+0.91	61	2832	+275	4351
	Neshaminy_Falls	83	48	64	-6	1.03	3	25.40	+1.90	53	2681	+72	4205
	New_Holland	82	50	64	-4	1.20	3	24.11	+2.71	59	2822	+504	4350
	Philadelphia_AP	84	57	67	-6	1.23	2	23.73	+4.57	57	3178	+214	4718
	Philadelphia_NE	86	53	67	-3	1.09	3	22.16	-1.34	55	3100	+491	4637
	Pottstown	80	48	62	-6	1.28	2	24.21	+3.98	64	2512	+158	4024
	Reading_AP	82	48	63	-7	1.32	3	26.05	+5.49	72	2780	+193	4297
	Sellersville	76	49	62	-7	1.14	2	24.36	+1.70	66	2531	+99	4040
	West_Chester	84	57	67	-3	1.16	3	24.10	+2.92	70	3051	+464	4559

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 started Monday out with morning temperature 53 degrees and sunny and mid 70's. Tuesday was 53 degrees and cloudy and rainy. 0.3" inch of rainfall York Springs and 65 degrees. Wednesday was 60 degrees and sunny and 77 degrees daytime. Thursday was 55 degrees with sun and clouds and daytime 80 degrees. Today started at 53 degrees and cloudy. The temperatures this week were more like fall temperatures instead of end of August. More rain in forecast for the weekend. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Certain varieties of early soybeans are about to be harvest in southern part of county. Other soybeans are still pretty green and have not changed colors yet. Corn is starting to dry down but still very green. Corn silage will soon be harvested as corn continues to dry down. Hay continues to be baled as weather permits. Cover crops are being seeded around the county and some other tillage for fall crops. Peaches continue to be harvested but are about done. Nice yields are being reported this year for peaches. The peach market was going pretty good but there is plenty of peaches to be purchased. If you want to enjoy fresh peaches need to get here in the next week or so. Apples continue to be harvested as varieties become ready which are about 2 weeks earlier than normal. Nice crop is being reported. Vegetables are still being harvested and available around the

county at farmers markets or roadside stands. Overall the producers are readying their equipment for fall harvest season and surely will be lack of storage around the county for corn and soybeans with the good yields that are expected.

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

Good week for making hay. Hauling manure. Chopping corn for forage began in most areas this week. Did notice that it was wet, even though the grain was at the right maturity. Stalks are still green. Yields were in the high tonnage range, but this may be due to the moisture in the stalks.

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

Cool weather has slowed soybeans. 3/4 inch rainfall for the week.

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

SOME CORN AND SOYBEAN WAS SHOWING DROUGHT UNTIL RECEIVING 0.9" OF RAIN ON SEPT 3

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