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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

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 96° (F), a low of 45° (F) and a state average temperature of 71° (F). Overall, weather was warm and humid with mixed reports of significant rainfall in some areas with little to none in others creating mixed reports regarding fieldwork opportunities. The majority of crops are reported to be within good to excellent condition with hay showing some quality slippage due to rain and moisture. Despite the generally wet conditions, first cuttings of hay are mostly complete and wheat harvests are anticipated to begin this coming week. Some late corn plantings have been swapped out with soybeans where weather conditions failed to provide ideal opportunities for the former. Field activities focused primarily on harvesting barley, making hay and spraying soybeans.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	1	82	17
SUBSOIL	0	0	84	16

## Crop Conditions as of June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	0	59	41
BARLEY	0	2	15	78	5
CORN	1	9	27	53	10
HAY, ALFALFA	1	3	37	50	9
HAY, OTHER	1	2	40	50	7
OATS	0	8	15	66	11
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	3	30	39	28
PEACHES	0	0	8	67	25
SOYBEANS	0	3	29	66	2
WINTER WHEAT	1	3	21	46	29

## Crop Progress as of June 24, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	96	93	88	N/A
BARLEY: MATURE	90	38	N/A	N/A
BARLEY: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	48	9	N/A	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	96	93	N/A	96
CORN: EMERGED	88	83	95	96
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	23	16	N/A	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	80	74	88	88
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	22	5	N/A	N/A
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	68	59	80	73
OATS: HEADED	46	33	60	68
POTATOES: PLANTED	87	86	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	87	81	89	N/A
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	80	69	81	84
TOBACCO: TRANSPLANTED OR SET	92	83	N/A	N/A
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	77	54	79	77
WINTER WHEAT: MATURE	5	0	N/A	N/A

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## June 24, 2018 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

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		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	CLARION 3 SW	89	47	70	+4	1.41	3	11.00	-1.02	31	567	-60	1009
	ERIE INTL AP	91	63	70	+1	3.59	7	14.17	+4.39	54	930	+196	1568
	FRANKLIN	90	60	72	+4	2.98	4	16.00	+4.42	46	924	+214	1577
	MEADVILLE PORT	86	60	68	0	3.21	7	13.40	+2.33	59	874	+174	1512
	SPRINGBORO 3 WN	89	53	68	+2	2.20	6	15.47	+4.48	49	774	+172	1388
	TITUSVILLE WATE	87	54	69	+3	2.85	4	14.25	+2.50	44	728	+124	1363
	WARREN	89	59	71	+4	1.38	3	11.49	-0.67	43	810	+140	1441
North Central	BRADFORD REGION	85	52	66	+3	1.43	7	11.63	-0.06	54	694	+220	1324
	CANTON	90	46	68	+3	0.20	4	9.99	-0.42	41	698	+110	1314
	COUDERSPORT 1 S	88	46	66	+2	1.05	4	11.11	+0.62	50	610	+30	1228
	KANE INNE	87	51	67	+4	2.19	4	14.06	+2.11	45	625	+147	1243
	LAPORTE	87	51	68	+2	0.50	4	13.97	+2.75	43	662	+87	1294
	LOCK HAVEN SEWA	95	59	72	+2	0.93	4	12.72	+2.17	36	932	+115	1596
	OSWAYO 1 ENE	84	49	65	+1	1.10	5	11.16	+0.25	45	604	+97	1210
	RENOVO	92	57	70	+1	1.35	4	13.95	+3.69	44	874	+91	1542
	RIDGWAY	88	59	70	+6	2.40	4	12.45	+0.68	46	811	+276	1456
	STEVENSON DAM	90	54	68	0	0.88	3	11.84	+1.19	47	704	-2	1316
	WELLSBORO 4 SW	85	49	67	+3	0.53	5	10.61	+0.85	43	646	+126	1264
	WILLIAMSPORT RE	96	60	71	+1	0.84	7	14.55	+4.52	50	1016	+176	1726
Northeast	MILANVILLE	94	50	70	+2	0.17	2	8.71	-4.58	38	678	-60	1282
	PLEASANT MOUNT	88	45	65	+1	0.87	4	9.48	-3.22	31	498	+28	1020
	PROMPTON DAM	90	50	72	+8	0.23	2	8.27	-4.43	25	477	+8	848
	WILKES-BARRE SC	92	58	69	+1	0.91	7	12.42	+2.30	54	951	+182	1644
West Central	BUTLER 2 SW	89	61	70	+3	1.81	5	12.30	+1.44	53	834	+130	1474
	NEW CASTLE	90	63	71	+2	1.48	6	17.11	+6.93	52	1034	+254	1714
	SLIPPERY ROCK 1	90	59	71	+3	1.52	5	13.49	+1.82	46	863	+114	1510
Central	ALTOONA BLAIR C	90	62	71	+3	2.12	7	17.61	+7.91	55	1110	+360	1818
	DEHART DAM	91	55	70	+1	0.88	4	13.63	+1.33	33	832	+30	1488
	DUBOIS JEFFERSO	87	59	67	+1	5.54	7	17.61	+5.93	59	858	+216	1514
	LEWISTOWN	93	60	72	+1	1.06	5	15.02	+4.13	50	986	+114	1682
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	94	64	74	+1	0.65	5	14.75	+4.98	51	1183	+178	1922
	PRINCE GALLITZI	90	60	71	+5	2.61	6	15.46	+5.35	52	874	+248	1516
	SELINGSGROVE 2 S	95	58	72	+1	0.96	4	11.97	+0.98	40	910	+84	1582
	STATE COLLEGE	90	59	71	+1	1.65	6	13.17	+3.18	49	930	+91	1602
East Central	ALLENTOWN LEHIG	95	62	73	+3	0.32	6	10.70	-0.43	47	1116	+264	1856
	LEHIGHTON 1SSW	90	49	70	0	1.76	5	16.29	+4.13	44	767	-79	1432
	MOUNT POCONO PO	87	53	65	-1	2.02	6	17.33	+5.28	54	638	+74	1271
Southwest	CONNELLSVILLE 2	92	65	75	+4	1.55	5	16.61	+4.42	53	1092	+82	1778
	GRAYS LANDING	91	63	75	+5	0.55	2	17.50	+6.79	41	972	+108	1646
	INDIANA 3 SE	90	62	72	+4	2.52	5	15.90	+4.09	47	852	+118	1482
	MEYERSDALE 2 SS	86	59	69	+4	2.88	5	16.05	+5.63	50	752	+182	1372
	PITTSBURGH ALLE	89	62	72	+2	4.31	6	21.68	+11.00	54	1127	+206	1834
	PITTSBURGH ASOS	90	63	74	+3	3.61	5	17.45	+6.95	51	1175	+283	1889
	WAYNESBURG 1 E	90	56	73	+4	1.50	5	13.88	+3.45	38	792	-18	1341
South Central	BIGLERVILLE	94	61	74	+2	0.58	2	12.27	+1.10	34	1000	+68	1682
	EVERETT	90	60	71	+3	2.45	5	17.63	+6.86	44	884	+162	1559
	HANOVER 4 SW	93	61	73	+1	0.60	4	13.92	+3.63	38	1043	+105	1746
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	94	64	74	+1	0.65	5	14.75	+4.98	51	1183	+178	1922
	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	87	57	71	+2	1.11	5	13.32	+1.20	36	777	+24	1372
	YORK AIRPORT	91	61	72	0	1.39	7	15.66	+5.46	50	1072	+154	1800
Southeast	DOYLESTOWN AIRP	92	61	72	+1	0.40	6	15.63	+3.89	44	1020	+112	1746
	HAMBURG	93	60	73	0	1.61	4	14.69	+2.83	42	896	-142	1552
	LANCASTER AIRPO	93	64	75	+3	0.32	6	14.85	+4.09	48	1134	+218	1876
	MUIR AAF	95	61	73	+3	0.77	5	14.16	+1.86	45	1012	+208	1733
	NESHAMINY FALLS	93	62	74	+1	0.34	4	12.99	+0.76	32	1056	+92	1784
	NEW HOLLAND 2 S	92	61	73	0	0.44	5	10.92	+0.19	37	1064	+38	1778
	PHILADELPHIA FR	95	63	78	+1	0.34	2	15.60	+3.52	32	1261	+5	2015
	PHILADELPHIA NE	92	65	76	+2	0.62	5	15.67	+4.11	41	1282	+251	2063
	PHOENIXVILLE 1	95	60	75	+3	0.72	4	15.79	+5.61	29	1008	+54	1675
	POTTSTOWN LIMER	90	61	71	0	1.12	6	17.02	+5.64	48	983	+69	1710
	READING SPAATZ	93	63	74	+2	0.87	7	12.22	+1.10	49	1134	+184	1871
	SELLERSVILLE	91	61	72	+2	0.47	4	15.12	+3.09	41	802	-35	1468

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

## 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 the week out 74 and sunny and humid into the mid 90's and was really hot. Some showers/down pour around 4 pm Gettysburg to Heidlersburg and Mummasburg to Arendtsville and other areas nothing. Tuesday started 73 and humid with early morning thunderstorms and rain about 0.1" and some additional rain throughout the county during the day. Wednesday morning 62 and sunny blue skies then showers 0.5" evening. Thursday 69 and raining morning and by lunchtime overcast and then some sun into mid 80s and humid. Today is 66 this morning and again raining. We are still plenty wet in the county and weather forecasts predicting rain today, and thru the weekend. Some additional corn was planted when conditions permitted early week and sprayed. Some was replanted from earlier planting and some was first time fit to get onto fields. Some soybeans were also seeded early week. Some hay was baled on Monday where showers did not occur. The rest of the week has been hit and miss with field work but mostly miss due to the rainy conditions. Now producers are past the Crop Insurance final plant date for soybeans since that was June 20th but still some initial crop soybeans to get planted. Hay is getting older and some lodged due to rains and will be poor quality when it is finally made. Fruit crops continue to be doing ok but some quality issues due to the wet weather and diseases and earlier hail. They continue to work with the Penn State Fruit Lab recommendations for caring for their fruit crops. Sweet cherries are being harvested and tart cherries will be in the next week or so. Rain will not be good for them this close to harvest. Vegetables continue to grow. The wet weather has them a little behind also. What's doing alright are available at local farmers markets. Overall the producers are pretty frustrated to say the least at the crazy weather we've had this spring and not being able to get their fieldwork done when they are supposed to. Producers are reminded that notice of losses for corn prevented planting needs reported to FSA by June 25th and prevented planting for soybeans by July 5th. They also need to communicate with their crop insurance agents about their coverage they have. Crop reporting deadline for corn and soybeans planted is July 16th in your FSA offices. Producers who are done with planting are encouraged to contact their FSA offices to make appointments as not a lot of reporting has been done yet due to the lateness of everything and will be a busy place at FSA so don't delay your call.

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

Fruit continues to look like a good season. Sweet cherry harvest has begun with problems in quality due to wet weather. Sour cherries will not be ready until July, and might be a little less than normal yield. Corn is doing great in Franklin County, but not as much planted as expected. Some fields were switched to soybeans when it became too late for corn.

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

Showers continued during the week. Field work difficult. 1 1/2 inches of rainfall.

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

Planting and spraying continued this past week. Heavy rainfall over the weekend will halt most activity for Monday. Marestail plants that survived an herbicide application have started to bolt.

### **INDIANA County, J. Scott Overdorff**

Well it was another wet week for farming and doing anything in the fields. Had around 3" of rain this past week. It was warm and it made things grow well but not good for making hay. The oats are looking pretty good. The corn and soybeans are doing well too. This next week Tuesday and Wednesday looks like rain, but Wednesday to the weekend looks like you could cut and make some hay. Hope everyone has a safe farming week!

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



Rains limited the field activities. Wheat is coloring, oats is heading and the second cutting of alfalfa is looking good. The main field activities for the week were harvesting barley, making hay and spraying soybeans.

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

Most farms are finally finished with corn planting and have harvested first cut silage hay. Now farms will be looking to finish up the last of the first cut dry hay. Corn is germinating and growing quickly due to warm and wet conditions.

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

Expect wheat harvest to get started this week. Toxins produced by Fusarium head scab will be a major concern. The earliest varieties seem to have been hit the hardest. Seeing white heads in speltz, rye and triticale as well. Corn is finally starting to take off with lots of side dressing and post spraying in progress. Most of the county missed rain last week and we would not complain if we had a shower later in the week.



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