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

Pennsylvania had a fair week for field activities with an average of 4 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 92° (F), a low of 37° (F) and a state average temperature of 68° (F). Peach harvest is nearly complete. Apple harvest continues with more varieties being harvested as time goes on. Quality affected due to excessive rainfall causing diseases and the added concern is how the apples are going to keep in storage. Little tillage or planting was done for small grains as fields are still pretty saturated. Field activities for the week were mainly cutting corn silage, spreading manure and planting cover crops and small grains. A few fields of hay are being baled and wrapped.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 23, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	75	25
SUBSOIL	0	0	80	20

## Crop Conditions as of September 23, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	11	68	21
CORN	1	3	16	50	30
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	9	27	35	29
SOYBEANS	0	1	17	50	32

## Crop Progress as of September 23, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	51	42	69	65
BARLEY: PLANTED	28	20	34	45
BARLEY: EMERGED	7	0	9	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	95	92	92	94
CORN: DENTED	89	79	83	87
CORN: MATURE	55	31	49	52
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	108	107	109	N/A
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	65	49	N/A	N/A
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	24	16	27	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	83	77	92	95
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	32	29	58	65
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	89	88	97	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	96	91	91	97
PEACHES: HARVESTED	94	87	96	N/A
POTATOES: HARVESTED	32	28	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	95	93	N/A	N/A
TOBACCO: CUT	93	90	93	N/A

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**September 23, 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	80	54	66	+7	1.80	1	28.74	+2.71	64	1990	-162	3132
	ERIE INTL AP	92	49	68	+6	0.67	1	24.49	+3.51	84	3118	+605	4666
	FRANKLIN	88	48	68	+7	2.04	2	30.83	+5.68	76	2886	+512	4450
	MEADVILLE PORT	85	43	65	+5	0.38	2	27.94	+3.99	100	2714	+388	4263
	SPRINGBORO 3 WN	87	41	65	+6	0.58	3	26.52	+2.10	87	2521	+415	4035
	TITUSVILLE WATE	86	42	66	+7	0.77	2	24.87	+0.24	70	2420	+351	3946
	WARREN	87	47	68	+7	1.07	3	23.00	-2.42	78	2720	+444	4252
North Central	BRADFORD REGION	82	37	62	+7	1.20	2	28.00	+4.05	94	2236	+584	3776
	CANTON	83	50	65	+8	2.31	2	36.46	+14.99	82	2390	+375	3886
	COUDERSPORT 1 S	82	42	64	+7	2.23	3	32.75	+10.39	100	2212	+256	3742
	KANE INNE	83	39	64	+8	1.47	3	29.16	+4.10	87	2152	+454	3678
	LAPORTE	78	43	62	+5	1.54	3	46.11	+20.92	93	2264	+273	3803
	LOCK HAVEN SEWA	85	50	69	+7	1.26	2	36.73	+14.09	73	3000	+378	4574
	RENOVO	81	48	68	+6	2.31	2	36.16	+14.47	90	2776	+234	4344
	RIDGWAY	85	46	66	+9	2.20	3	27.44	+3.05	88	2542	+650	4056
	STEVENSON DAM	82	47	67	+6	2.26	3	32.09	+9.31	90	2384	-11	3866
	WELLSBORO 4 SW	80	43	63	+7	3.00	3	31.80	+11.26	82	2108	+275	3566
	WILLIAMSPORT RE	87	50	68	+6	2.35	3	47.72	+25.50	101	3119	+447	4739
Northeast	MILANVILLE	85	47	66	+6	1.38	3	27.83	-0.38	82	2450	+54	3904
	PLEASANT MOUNT	81	40	61	+5	0.28	1	28.54	+2.50	67	2035	+326	3414
	PROMPTON DAM	87	55	69	+13	0.96	3	31.13	+5.09	61	1992	+282	3062
	WILKES-BARRE SC	83	50	66	+5	2.38	4	36.40	+15.23	100	2958	+479	4561
West Central	BUTLER 2 SW	85	48	67	+7	1.77	3	27.58	+4.74	92	2592	+262	4112
	NEW CASTLE	87	46	65	+3	0.38	2	26.55	+4.56	88	3036	+477	4627
	SLIPPERY ROCK 1	86	47	67	+6	1.76	3	30.39	+6.46	87	2682	+248	4239
Central	ALTOONA BLAIR C	83	55	69	+9	1.46	4	36.66	+17.31	101	3162	+756	4780
	DEHART DAM	82	54	68	+7	0.97	4	50.92	+24.73	70	2752	+167	4298
	DUBOIS JEFFERSON	84	45	65	+7	2.02	2	39.14	+15.44	105	2576	+462	4142
	LEWISTOWN	85	53	70	+7	1.22	5	33.88	+11.85	99	3122	+376	4728
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	85	57	70	+6	0.45	4	38.46	+17.09	92	3490	+392	5138
	PRINCE GALLITZI	88	43	69	+11	1.08	5	37.79	+16.63	105	2765	+661	4316
	SELINGROVE 2 S	85	53	68	+6	1.11	2	34.37	+11.77	79	2971	+302	4554
	STATE COLLEGE	80	52	68	+7	0.96	2	37.39	+16.48	97	2878	+266	4459
East Central	ALLENTOWN LEHIG	85	57	70	+7	1.41	4	35.64	+11.60	91	3412	+676	5061
	LEHIGHTON 1SSW	77	53	66	+5	1.63	3	40.81	+15.72	90	2628	-24	4183
	MOUNT POCONO PO	78	44	60	+3	3.20	3	46.50	+20.69	103	2200	+230	3742
Southwest	CONNELLSVILLE 2	88	57	72	+7	1.66	4	37.79	+13.01	91	3178	+197	4755
	GRAYS LANDING	87	56	72	+9	1.56	5	35.69	+15.01	78	2933	+166	4476
	INDIANA 3 SE	87	57	70	+9	1.70	3	39.23	+14.38	91	2589	+197	4039
	MEYERSDALE 2 SS	83	53	67	+9	2.27	6	35.14	+14.21	99	2388	+390	3918
	PITTSBURGH ALLE	87	53	70	+7	1.95	4	41.98	+20.69	97	3202	+397	4818
	PITTSBURGH ASOS	86	52	69	+6	1.47	4	34.31	+13.17	88	3284	+536	4908
South Central	WAYNESBURG 1 E	86	58	70	+9	1.28	2	27.54	+6.10	66	2618	+58	4008
	BIGLERVILLE	83	61	73	+9	1.29	2	32.78	+10.41	67	3192	+240	4764
	CARLISLE WATER	84	55	70	+6	1.04	4	34.87	+12.12	82	3045	+180	4636
	EVERETT	87	54	71	+10	1.04	4	34.59	+13.87	84	2732	+328	4317
	HANOVER 4 SW	83	56	70	+7	0.51	3	35.41	+13.23	77	3220	+330	4833
	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	79	52	67	+6	0.98	3	31.37	+7.49	71	2426	-12	3831
	YORK AIRPORT	83	56	69	+6	0.34	5	39.04	+18.09	89	3182	+342	4819
Southeast	DOYLESTOWN AIRP	84	56	69	+5	0.96	4	36.29	+10.14	88	3238	+354	4873
	HAMBURG	83	55	69	+3	0.86	3	38.64	+13.75	77	2958	-196	4474
	LANCASTER AIRPO	84	57	70	+7	0.68	4	39.59	+17.29	91	3435	+557	5088
	MUIR AAF	84	55	69	+7	0.35	2	47.86	+21.67	90	3127	+542	4758
	NESHAMINY FALLS	83	56	69	+4	1.77	3	28.50	+2.98	67	3321	+255	4938
	NEW HOLLAND 2 S	82	56	68	+3	0.90	5	31.46	+8.98	76	3222	+96	4807
	PHILADELPHIA FR	87	59	74	+6	1.61	4	33.36	+8.29	70	3894	+220	5528
	PHILADELPHIA NE	86	60	72	+6	2.27	3	33.32	+8.75	80	3851	+632	5542
	PHOENIXVILLE 1	87	57	70	+6	1.83	4	40.92	+19.10	69	3469	+505	5086
	POTTSTOWN LIMER	81	55	67	+4	2.00	5	47.72	+23.14	97	3056	+164	4693
	READING SPAATZ	85	56	69	+5	0.56	3	41.48	+18.38	97	3409	+451	5056
SELLERSVILLE	85	54	69	+7	0.82	2	36.45	+11.20	82	2950	+244	4526	

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 had a week of cooler temperatures and not as much rain as past few weeks except Monday night Bonnaeuville/Gettysburg areas had 3 inches and other areas had around an inch. Some days had more sun than others. Weekend temperatures were in the 60's. Suppose to get 2-3 inches beginning of this week also. Some corn silage is being harvested but not under the best field conditions. Some areas of county where better soil is there is some corn and soybeans being harvested also that are ready. No tillage has been done as it's too wet in the fields. Wheat, barley and cover crops will be planted later as corn and soybeans are still pretty green in our county. Peach harvest is complete. Not sure how yields have been but affected quality with too much moisture this summer. Apple harvest continues with more varieties being harvested as time goes on. Quality also affecting them due to excessive rainfall causing diseases and concern is how the apples are going to keep in storage. Hay will be made when dry enough fields and sunny days happen. Vegetables are coming to an end with the wet weather hasn't been real good year for them either. Adams County farmers are trying to get done what they can on their farms with a variety of things that should be happening but the weather is causing delays in all aspects.

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

Finishing up on silage harvest, some cover crop seeding as well as wheat and barley no-till seeding were field activities as of late in the week. Apples are coming on slowly but quality off due to wet weather.

### **BEDFORD County, Robin J. Foor**

Conditions in Bedford County remain extremely wet. There are reports from producers who have lost crops due to flooding. Others are reporting corn and soybeans are sprouting on the ear and in the pods.

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

Some field work completed including corn silage and barley sowing. 1.5 inches of rainfall for the week.

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

Harvesting of corn for grain has begun with the yields being less than expected' and quality being low in some areas. Soybeans are drying down and chopping of corn silage is progressing. A few fields of hay are being baled and wrapped. Field activities for the week were mainly cutting corn silage, spreading manure and planting cover crops and small grains

### **LACKWANNA County, Eric Johnson**

Wet conditions and cooler temperatures have made dry hay essentially impossible to harvest for farms looking to bale second/third cutting. Corn will start to dry down over the next few weeks as farms look forward to harvest season.

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

Last Friday we received over an inch of rainfall in about 20 minutes and caused some soil erosion. Our area has received 6.75 inches of rainfall to date for the month of September - third wettest on record.