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# Crop Progress & Condition



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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – April 15th, 2018:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 4 day suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 88° (F), a low of 10° (F) and a state average temperature of 46° (F). Week started off cooler and some snow/rain mixture; no accumulation and most of the week's mornings were 30's and into the 40's. Most days were windier and helped to dry off some fields. Warm eighty degree days on Friday and Saturday dried out fields and field activities picked up. Grasses for hay and pasture were seeded. Winter annual weed growth continued and dandelions were in bud or blooming. A cold front with gusty winds and inches of rain have brought a temporary halt to the growing season. First time this year we have been able to get into the fields to do anything. Some manure hauling, alfalfa and grass seeding, fertilizer and lime spreading. Fruit crops are coming along. Tart Cherries and Apricots, Plums will be pushing here with this warm weather but not blooming yet. Hopefully the temperatures do not get too cold after they start blooming. For now the producers are stating they are pretty tight at the beginning of the week. Overall the producers are readying equipment for this next growing/planting season.

## Crop Progress as of April 15, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	8	<5	31	19

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 15, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	82	18
SUBSOIL	0	0	85	15

## Crop Conditions as of April 15, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	0	0	3	95	2
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	38	62	0
HAY, OTHER	0	0	31	69	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	6	14	19	61	0
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	18	81	1

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit [www.usda.gov/oce/weather](http://www.usda.gov/oce/weather) and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

### April 15, 2018 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		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	73	20	36	-9	0.24	2	2.08	+0.22	7	4	-16	18
	ERIE INTL AP	73	26	39	-7	0.57	4	1.64	-0.11	10	12	-20	44
	FRANKLIN	80	23	44	-2	0.39	3	1.94	+0.08	10	30	+6	67
	MEADVILLE PORT	77	21	43	-4	0.39	5	1.49	-0.25	12	20	-12	57
	SPRINGBORO 3 WN	77	20	40	-4	0.48	4	1.90	+0.02	11	15	-7	42
	TITUSVILLE WATE	79	20	43	-1	0.24	3	1.72	-0.19	10	26	+6	63
	WARREN	78	21	42	-3	0.24	2	1.48	-0.51	7	18	-6	56
North Central	BRADFORD REGION	75	14	39	-3	0.46	3	1.52	-0.30	9	13	-2	44
	CANTON	81	19	40	-4	0.14	2	0.95	-0.90	8	12	-8	40
	COUDERSPORT 1 S	78	14	38	-5	0.09	3	1.03	-0.59	8	8	-10	38
	KANE INNE	77	14	40	-3	0.21	3	1.96	+0.05	10	14	0	50
	LAPORTE	77	18	40	-3	0.02	1	0.93	-1.00	7	13	-4	42
	LOCK HAVEN SEWA	85	23	46	-2	0.07	1	0.98	-0.68	5	32	+2	66
	OSWAYO 1 ENE	76	11	36	-5	0.63	3	1.30	-0.38	7	6	-8	31
	RENOVO	82	23	45	-3	0.05	2	0.96	-0.74	8	26	-3	63
	RIDGWAY	80	20	43	0	0.42	3	1.49	-0.25	10	23	+7	62
	STEVENSON DAM	81	20	42	-4	0.03	2	1.20	-0.55	9	22	-1	52
	WELLSBORO 4 SW	79	18	38	-4	0.09	2	0.90	-0.60	8	10	-6	28
	WILLIAMSPORT RE	85	25	47	-2	0.06	2	1.44	-0.23	7	31	-3	90
Northeast	MILANVILLE	81	19	42	-4	0.04	2	0.92	-0.85	7	18	-4	47
	PLEASANT MOUNT	75	16	40	-1	0.22	5	1.39	-0.60	8	8	-4	28
	PROMPTON DAM	56	21	36	-5	0.23	3	1.17	-0.82	6	0	-12	6
	WILKES-BARRE SC	81	25	48	0	0.07	5	0.91	-0.75	10	39	+7	92
West Central	BUTLER 2 SW	80	24	45	-2	0.08	2	2.07	+0.38	8	32	+2	70
	NEW CASTLE	82	18	49	+1	0.07	3	1.65	-0.06	10	50	+16	106
	SLIPPERY ROCK 1	79	21	44	-3	0.07	2	2.05	+0.21	9	32	-3	69
Central	ALTOONA BLAIR C	86	26	52	+4	0.88	3	2.03	+0.42	8	66	+32	125
	DEHART DAM	84	26	46	-3	0.00	0	0.88	-1.19	2	24	-8	64
	DUBOIS JEFFERSO	78	21	46	0	0.97	6	2.54	+0.78	13	39	+14	82
	LEWISTOWN	88	24	49	-1	0.09	3	1.56	-0.14	7	40	+4	90
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	83	28	55	+4	0.11	5	1.04	-0.53	8	70	+26	141
	PRINCE GALLITZI	84	21	45	0	0.08	3	1.72	+0.06	9	35	+13	76
	SELINSGROVE 2 S	84	24	47	-1	0.03	1	0.82	-1.03	4	34	+4	76
	STATE COLLEGE	84	26	47	-1	0.12	3	1.28	-0.34	9	40	+4	80
East Central	ALLEN TOWN LEHIG	86	24	51	+2	0.27	3	1.10	-0.72	7	51	+18	128
	LEHIGHTON 1SSW	84	21	45	-4	0.02	1	1.08	-0.97	4	26	-4	67
	MOUNT POCONO PO	79	18	44	0	0.17	3	1.16	-1.17	8	31	+10	62
Southwest	CONNELLSVILLE 2	85	26	49	-2	0.03	1	2.90	+0.92	9	42	-16	98
	GRAYS LANDING	85	24	48	-1	0.00	0	2.71	+1.06	6	38	-5	96
	INDIANA 3 SE	83	25	46	-1	0.06	1	1.86	-0.10	5	31	-1	75
	MEYERSDALE 2 SS	83	10	39	-6	0.07	1	1.67	-0.08	7	11	-11	53
	PITTSBURGH ALLE	83	26	53	+3	1.23	3	2.70	+1.03	8	74	+18	139
	PITTSBURGH ASOS	83	25	53	+3	1.24	4	2.98	+1.42	9	67	+15	138
	WAYNESBURG 1 E	85	24	51	+3	0.00	0	1.86	+0.34	5	40	-2	94
South Central	BIGLERVILLE	84	29	48	-2	0.07	2	1.05	-0.78	4	33	-8	85
	EVERETT	87	21	46	-1	0.00	0	1.27	-0.60	4	33	+3	74
	HANOVER 4 SW	84	29	50	0	0.01	1	0.82	-0.94	3	46	+1	106
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	83	28	55	+4	0.11	5	1.04	-0.53	8	70	+26	141
	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	80	25	47	-1	0.05	1	1.18	-0.88	4	37	+2	82
	YORK AIRPORT	83	24	53	+3	0.13	3	1.03	-0.81	7	66	+26	138
Southeast	DOYLESTOWN AIRP	82	26	50	0	0.41	2	0.81	-1.47	8	44	0	114
	HAMBURG	85	27	48	-3	0.05	1	0.92	-0.89	5	34	-10	90
	LANCASTER AIRPO	84	30	52	+3	0.15	3	1.06	-0.86	7	59	+21	136
	MUIR AAF	86	27	45	-4	0.16	5	1.15	-0.92	9	32	0	96
	NESHAMINY FALLS	84	25	50	0	0.42	2	0.82	-1.33	5	46	+6	108
	NEW HOLLAND 2 S	68	28	43	-8	0.04	1	0.76	-1.07	4	6	-44	45
	PHILADELPHIA FR	85	32	53	-1	0.07	2	0.45	-1.72	5	56	-19	159
	PHILADELPHIA NE	85	30	54	+2	0.44	1	0.93	-1.26	6	74	+24	169
	PHOENIXVILLE 1	85	27	50	0	0.29	1	0.78	-1.24	4	41	-5	107
	POTTSTOWN LIMER	83	25	50	0	0.39	3	0.95	-1.30	7	53	+10	122
	READING SPAATZ	85	28	51	0	0.17	5	0.91	-1.07	8	56	+12	132
	SELLERSVILLE	78	21	45	-3	0.00	0	0.76	-1.41	5	22	-12	66

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's weather started week cooler and some snow/rain mixture no accumulation and most of the week mornings were 30's and into the 40's. Most days were windier and helped to dry off some fields. Thursday however temperatures got into the low 70's and this morning started high 50's and to get into 80's today and tomorrow. Some sun later afternoon on Thursday. Today cloudy morning. Sunday is to be cooler again. We had 80's on Saturday and then Sunday was in the 40's and cloudy, rainy. Sunday into Monday morning we had 2.5 inches of heavy rainfall. Some flooding and lot's of runoff due to soil being saturated.

Fieldwork is starting to happen again after winds this week dried fields some to allow fertilizer and manure to be spread. The next few days will help with higher temperatures to dry more fields to allow fieldwork. The small grains and cover crops are greening up and starting to grow height wise and looking ok for now. Not much oats seeded in the county due to the conditions of soil. Fruit crops are coming along. Tart Cherries and Apricots, Plums will be pushing here with this warm weather but not blooming yet. Hopefully the temperatures do not get too cold after they start blooming. For now the producers are stating they are pretty tight at the beginning of the week. Overall the producers are readying equipment for this next growing/planting season.

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

Good week for starting spring field work. Some manure hauling, alfalfa and grass seeding, fertilizer and lime spreading.

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

Warm eighty degree days on Friday and Saturday dried out fields and field activities picked up. Grasses for hay and pasture were seeded. Winter annual weed growth continued and dandelions were in bud or blooming. A cold front with gusty winds and inches of rain have brought a temporary halt to the growing season.

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

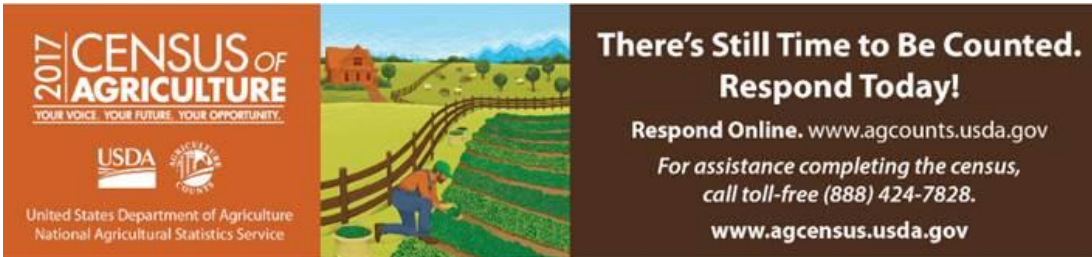
The past week was not too bad. Friday and Saturday were in the 80's, sunny, and windy. It dried thing up enough that we could get into the fields to start spreading some lime. First time this year we have been able to get into the fields to do anything. Looks like this week is still going to be on the cools side yet. Is it ever going to be spring? Hope to get some plowing done this week if it stays nice enough. Just had over .60" of an inch of rain last night (Sunday, and calling for snow on Tuesday. I guess the only predicable thing about the weather is that it is unpredictable. Well hope everyone has a safe farming week.

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

Warm temperatures, plentiful sunshine and adequate soil moisture gave a jump start to the winter grain and alfalfa. Main activities for the week were tilling, planting, and spreading fertilizer and manure.

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

A few snowflakes are falling as I submit this report from central Mercer County. No Field tillage tasks have been completed.



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