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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

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 95° (F), a low of 22° (F) and a state average temperature of 59° (F). Favorable spring weather finally appeared last week, with warmer temperatures allowing ample field work to commence. Fruit has made rapid gains, most notably with apples racing to bloom after weeks of being held back by cold weather. Headway can finally be made with corn and soybean planting in addition to vegetables and sweet corn. Field activities took full advantage of the ideal weather with work focused on corn, soybean, oats and vegetable planting, field spraying and manure spreading in addition to equipment maintenance and repair.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 6, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	87	13
SUBSOIL	0	0	91	9

### Crop Conditions as of May 6, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	1	3	25	51	20
HAY, OTHER	0	10	26	39	25
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	15	18	48	18
WINTER WHEAT	0	1	13	83	3

## Crop Progress as of May 6, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: HEADED	9	<5	N/	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	9	<5	24	26
OATS: PLANTED	56	27	88	77
OATS: EMERGED	22	<5	74	52
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	89	88	98	N/A
PEACHES: PINK	88	80	91	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	86	29	80	N/A
POTATOES: PLANTED	21	7	N/	N/A
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	68	43	79	N/A

## May 6, 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	84	23	54	+2	0.49	1	5.03	+0.66	15	46	-40	148
	ERIE INTL AP	83	31	62	+9	0.35	4	3.85	-0.11	24	128	+10	281
	FRANKLIN	85	27	58	+5	0.98	2	4.94	+0.59	20	111	+3	274
	MEADVILLE PORT	81	33	62	+8	0.46	3	3.78	-0.46	25	126	+8	276
	SPRINGBORO 3 WN	82	25	57	+6	0.53	2	4.36	-0.13	21	96	+8	225
	TITUSVILLE WATE	84	22	55	+4	0.87	3	4.34	-0.19	20	85	-1	235
	WARREN	85	27	57	+4	0.63	4	4.87	+0.16	20	94	-12	246
North Central	BRADFORD REGION	82	27	60	+11	0.98	4	4.76	+0.46	23	96	+27	236
	CANTON	86	29	59	+8	0.37	3	3.75	-0.46	19	94	+11	240
	COUDERSPORT 1 S	83	25	54	+2	0.51	4	3.89	-0.05	21	54	-24	184
	KANE INNE	83	22	53	+4	0.70	2	5.16	+0.59	21	58	-4	188
	LAPORTE	83	34	58	+7	0.48	3	3.89	-0.64	19	86	+8	233
	LOCK HAVEN SEWA	89	34	61	+6	1.00	2	4.45	+0.50	15	130	-2	304
	OSWAYO 1 ENE	84	23	54	-4	0.40	2	3.06	-1.05	12	79	+23	196
	RENOVO	87	28	59	+4	0.48	3	4.05	+0.16	20	117	-11	295
	RIDGWAY	83	24	55	+5	1.10	3	5.32	+1.04	22	78	+5	233
	STEVENSON DAM	84	26	54	+1	0.44	2	3.95	-0.22	19	70	-36	212
	WELLSBORO 4 SW	84	31	58	+8	0.53	3	4.31	+0.86	20	81	+7	212
WILLIAMSPORT RE	89	35	63	+7	0.94	4	5.34	+1.43	21	160	+20	380	
Northeast	MILANVILLE	87	29	53	-1	0.27	4	3.76	-0.82	18	65	-49	198
	PLEASANT MOUNT	83	29	58	+10	0.56	3	2.30	-2.58	10	78	+26	186
	PROMPTON DAM	86	34	60	+11	0.61	2	4.37	-0.51	15	55	+3	156
	WILKES-BARRE SC	89	42	64	+9	0.70	4	4.48	+0.50	24	175	+45	378
West Central	BUTLER 2 SW	82	25	53	0	0.12	2	4.20	+0.09	20	76	-36	218
	NEW CASTLE	84	25	62	+8	0.44	3	4.38	+0.41	21	166	+34	358
	SLIPPERY ROCK 1	82	23	55	+1	0.84	2	4.69	+0.40	19	108	-22	265
Central	ALTOONA BLAIR C	88	36	65	+10	0.52	4	5.70	+1.83	20	202	+70	420
	DEHART DAM	86	31	58	+3	0.16	1	4.33	-0.54	12	96	-44	262
	DUBOIS JEFFERSON	81	26	60	+7	1.47	4	6.53	+2.34	26	130	+22	296
	LEWISTOWN	90	38	62	+6	0.26	2	4.90	+0.80	19	156	+3	362
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	89	40	66	+8	0.25	2	4.68	+0.83	20	222	+40	470
	PRINCE GALLITZI	86	42	66	+13	0.57	3	4.22	+0.11	20	98	0	230
	SELINGROVE 2 S	92	35	62	+7	0.14	2	3.39	-0.98	15	138	+10	320
STATE COLLEGE	86	34	62	+6	0.63	3	4.51	+0.66	22	150	+1	332	
East Central	ALLENTOWN LEHIG	90	38	65	+10	0.29	3	4.13	-0.16	19	199	+62	448
	LEHIGH 1 SSW	90	34	56	-1	0.36	2	5.51	+0.82	14	96	-52	274
	MOUNT POCONO PO	82	36	60	+8	1.02	4	4.72	+0.02	20	114	+32	266
Southwest	CONNELLSVILLE 2	87	28	59	0	0.56	3	6.45	+1.68	22	140	-81	337
	GRAYS LANDING	87	27	57	+1	0.60	2	6.84	+2.90	15	131	-27	334
	INDIANA 3 SE	84	24	54	0	0.49	2	5.17	+0.62	15	88	-32	259
	MEYERSDALE 2 SS	85	28	56	+4	0.67	2	4.92	+0.79	19	62	-22	202
	PITTSBURGH ALLE	85	36	63	+6	0.47	4	5.57	+1.75	22	194	-2	410
	PITTSBURGH ASOS	83	33	64	+8	0.35	2	5.99	+2.22	20	192	+14	416
	WAYNESBURG 1 E	87	27	57	+2	0.68	2	6.44	+2.61	16	126	-24	316
South Central	BIGLERVILLE	91	39	64	+7	0.42	1	5.21	+0.75	13	163	-1	375
	EVERETT	90	32	58	+5	0.64	2	5.41	+0.85	14	114	-2	298
	HANOVER 4 SW	90	34	62	+5	0.35	2	4.62	+0.37	13	164	-8	378
	MIDDLETOWN HARR	89	40	66	+8	0.25	2	4.68	+0.83	20	222	+40	470
	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	86	35	60	+6	0.75	1	4.97	-0.05	12	128	+4	293
	YORK AIRPORT	88	35	62	+6	0.22	1	4.45	+0.37	15	148	-12	365
Southeast	DOYLESTOWN AIRP	89	42	66	+9	0.02	1	4.20	-0.64	16	196	+23	441
	HAMBURG	90	38	64	+5	0.19	3	4.98	+0.58	16	162	-32	358
	LANCASTER AIRPO	88	38	64	+8	0.09	2	4.62	+0.33	18	192	+38	444
	MUIR AAF	91	35	65	+9	0.14	2	4.36	-0.51	19	165	+24	396
	NESHAMINY FALLS	91	37	66	+8	0.00	0	4.31	-0.56	11	191	+26	428
	NEW HOLLAND 2 S	88	40	68	+9	0.02	1	3.04	-1.15	11	150	-50	349
	PHILADELPHIA FR	92	45	69	+8	0.00	0	4.88	-0.04	11	248	-24	522
	PHILADELPHIA NE	92	43	69	+11	0.00	0	4.51	-0.02	15	276	+80	566
	PHOENIXVILLE 1	95	40	67	+9	0.73	2	4.42	-0.03	12	198	+26	426
	POTTSTOWN LIMER	89	35	64	+7	0.15	1	4.31	-0.34	17	180	+13	417
	READING SPAATZ	90	39	66	+9	0.01	1	3.93	-0.56	18	205	+32	452
SELLERSVILLE	87	34	60	+5	0.20	1	4.57	-0.26	13	112	-30	298	

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.

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## 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 off with morning temperatures 39 and sunny and got to 64 daytime on Monday and very windy. Tuesday was 46 degrees and sunny morning and 87 afternoon. Wednesday was 64 morning and sunny and into the mid 80's. Thursday started 60's and got to 90 and sunny. Some clouds later afternoon/evening but no rainfall. Friday night into Saturday we had an inch of rainfall and then Sunday had 1/4 inch of rainfall so producers will not be in fields for a few days. Temperatures over weekend were cooler mid 50's to 60. The temperatures arrived all this week at once and taken folks time to adjust since hadn't had much warmer temperatures this Spring. Manure is being hauled and fertilizer spread on hay fields. Some corn has been planted now and spraying is occurring for future corn and soybean planting. The producers are eager to get going with their planting of corn and soybeans since now into first week of May. Some areas are still kind of wet but most have dried out this week. Small grains are coming along now and getting some height to them. Hay and pastures are really greening and also getting some height. Some rye was chopped this week. Majority of fruit trees are out in blossom but apples may be next week yet till blooming. Apple producers are watching for Scarf skin and russetting and scab, fire blight and brown rot this week for diseases and spraying accordingly as Penn State Fruit Lab is recommending. The blooms on the fruit trees look good so far but still could have colder temperatures in May but hopefully not. Vegetables are being planted mostly under plastic. Some sweet corn has also been planted around the county. Overall the producers are busy with finishing readying equipment, manure hauling and also will be chopping forage crops and planting at the same time again this year. Weather conditions will keep them on a schedule of trying to get their work done for a good growing season for 2018 crop.

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

Warm dry weather allowed for long days of field work. Corn planters were busy. Some barlage and rye cut for green chop to allow corn planting. Alfalfa is starting to grow and looks good for now. Apples, peaches, cherries are all in or just past full bloom. Excellent bloom, and no cold weather forecast for now, so should have a good fruit crop.

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

Great week for field work. Corn and soybean planting well underway. 1/2 inch of rainfall for the week.

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

This past week was a very nice week to start getting things going and getting into the fields. Still have not got any oats planted. Just spreading lime and plowing. The ground is just about right for plowing last year's corn and soybean fields. Hopefully there will be some oats planted this week. Weather looks promising. Hope everyone has a safe farming week.

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

A good week for field activities. The planting of corn and soybeans has begun and oats seeding is near completion. The warmer and drier conditions has made an improvement on the condition of the wheat and alfalfa. Planting, sowing and spraying were the main field activities.

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

A timely change in weather has triggered the start of the planting season. Many operators are out completing spring tillage and getting corn in the ground. Others are getting manure storages empty in advance of the growing season. Peach trees are blooming and apples are not far behind with no potential frost events in sight.

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

The Planters are rolling! Finally the soil is warm enough and fit to plant. See many folks planting both corn and soybeans. Significant amount of ryelage was cut this week with the remainder for next. Alfalfa is finally get taller but will not be cut for another week in most cases. Spring is in full swing!!

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

Soil temperature 54 degrees F. Hay fields had fertilizer applied early last week and are finally growing with the warm days and rain.

### **WESTMORELAND County, Thomas Sierzega**

Warmer, drier weather this week allowed for some progress in spring field work. Pastures still very limited growth for this late in the season.



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