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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather April 8th, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work. Favorable weather allowed soil to dry providing plenty of opportunity for field work. Winter wheat condition appears mixed with reports of growth in some areas but concern over winter injury and flooding in others. Field activities included equipment maintenance, manure spreading, spring tillage and planting alfalfa.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	86	14
SUBSOIL	0	0	84	16

Crop Progress as of April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
OATS: PLANTED	14	<5	0	5
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	25	<5	N/A	N/A

Crop Conditions as of April 7, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	0	13	80	7
HAY, OTHER	0	0	9	85	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	4	25	38	19	14
WINTER WHEAT	1	6	63	24	6

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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 had pretty nice weather most of the week. Some mornings were still frosty but daytime temperatures warmed up most days. Some days were windier than others so affected the temperature. Some showers are forecasted for today but so far has not been much at all. Soils have dried out a lot this week with warmer temperatures and windy conditions. Producers were busy with fertilizing fields and hauling manure since soil conditions permitted. Wheat crop is starting to grow some but still not sure what the crop will be as a lot of areas had low spots and drowned out so yields will be affected. Hay fields are starting to get some new growth. Some oats has been seeded but not emerged yet. Fruit crops are ok for now and getting ready to start the process of blooming. Producers are busy finishing pruning and taking care of their orchards. Producers are readying equipment for spring planting season and getting anxious to get into their fields for hopefully a better growing year than 2018.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

A good week for field work. Spreading manure, planting alfalfa, and preparing fields for planting. Fruit buds starting to swell, looking good so far. A few light showers, but not enough to affect field work.

BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon

Hayfields and pastures are continuing to green up, and field conditions supported manure spreading and limited tillage this past week. Some spring alfalfa seedings have been planted. Many producers are readying their equipment so that they can begin field activities full force when soils dry out a bit more.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Soil conditions dried enough to allow some field work, manure hauling, plowing, oats and alfalfa seeding. Spring has finally arrived.

COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MOUNTOUR Counties, C. John Esslinger

Vegetable planting has started. The first crops to go in have been onions and covered sweet corn.

DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bozak

Fields are starting to dry out with warmer, windy weather this past week. Manure application continues on many fields. Early spring weeds are in flower or in bud including purple deadnettle, henbit, and bittercress.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Winter grain is beginning to green up with some areas being dead from winter kill. The field activities for the week were spreading manure and fertilizer, shopping corn stalks, and preparing equipment for spring planting.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Weather is beginning to break, but with cold temperatures and saturated conditions, farms have not begun spring tillage, planting, or any other field work. Pasture and grass hay are still dormant.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Spring tillage and manure hauling are in full swing. Wheat and cover crops are showing some winter injury in many fields, but are now greening up quickly, especially where N has been applied. Some new seeding alfalfa fields have been planted others will go in this week. Only had .30 inches of rain in the past 7 days!

MERCER County, James P. Rust

Soil moisture is excellent going into the planting season. All the open houses are over and the lunches were tasty.