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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather May 6, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a fair week for field activities with an average of 4.0 days suitable for field work. Fair weather allowed for ample field work to take place early in the week, with rains persisting throughout the weekend. Fruit trees have progressed well into the blooming stages but disease is a concern as a result of high moisture. Small grains have matured slowly but may be harvested early to make way for corn and soybean planting. Pasture growth remains slow as well. Field activities included spraying, manure spreading, tilling and prepping machinery in anticipation of corn and soybean planting.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	74	26
SUBSOIL	0	0	79	21

Crop Conditions as of May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	4	20	64	12
HAY, OTHER	0	3	19	70	8
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	3	20	47	30
WINTER WHEAT	0	2	34	56	8

Crop Progress as of May 5, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PINK	90	60	N/A	52
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	83	38	N/A	40
BARLEY: HEADED	43	25	8	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	17	5	8	19
OATS: PLANTED	75	68	52	67
OATS: EMERGED	62	53	19	42
PEACHES: PINK	93	88	87	72
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	87	78	78	64
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	74	62	64	67

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 pretty frosty Monday in majority of the county with 35 and sunny then got into mid 50s and cloudy. Tuesday morning was 55 degrees and sunny and 60's with some light rain in the evening but no accumulation. Wednesday was 53 morning and cloudy and 59 daytime. Thursday was foggy/misty 59 with high humidity and then sunshine and got into high 70's then late afternoon some clouds and some rain showers in some of the county but no accumulation. Thursday started 59 degrees and cloudy with high humidity. Rains began on Friday producing 3 inches of rainfall over the weekend. We have water standing everywhere because the soil is so saturated. Producers got started to plant some corn in the county where and when they could. Others were spraying land and also applying manure and fertilizers where applicable. Some other soil preparations were done also around the county. Hay continues to grow getting some height this week along with the small grains now getting some height. A lot of lower areas in fields are bare as small grains last fall were drowned out. Wheat yield is still not known as many conditions can still affect that till harvest. All fruit trees have now bloomed and some you can still see if you drive by however a lot of concerns for diseases with moisture here and there that we are receiving. Producers working with Penn State Fruit Lab with what and when to spray their fruit orchards. So far the fruit crops are looking pretty good but still a long way to go till harvest. Vegetables are being planted and will be more as the soil conditions permit. All of the producers are busy with various jobs around their farming operations. There is always paperwork to catch up on when rainy outside. Make sure you check with your FSA Office on your status of the following: Don't forget the 2018 Market Facilitation Program (MFP) production certification has been extended till May 17th for 2018 crops if you have not done so already. Also June 15th deadline to certify any spring seeded small grains and newly seeded hay fields. Producers are ready to put in some long days getting crops planted and hoping the growing season better than last year.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Weather cooperated for field work mid-week and a lot of corn got planted. Some rye was chopped for forage and planted to corn. Fruit looks like a good crop at this time. Fruit growers finished with tree planting. They also got some timely sprays on before the rains on the weekend. Over an inch again this time.

BLAIR County, Zachary Larson

Local dairies are likely to start small grain silage harvest this week. While small grains are not very mature, many are looking to get the crop removed with good quality and begin planting corn rather than waiting for maximum yield and risking later corn planting dates.

BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon

Field work progressed slowly through another wet week. Producers continue to spread manure, till fields, and prepare equipment for when field conditions will support corn and soybean planting.

CAMERON/ELK/MCKEAN County, Nicole S. Carutis

Another wet week, but some more tillage was done between showers. More oats were planted some spring wheat is up. Pasture growth seems to be slow.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Corn planting underway between showers. Low rain volumes early in the week allowed several days for planting. Total rainfall for the week was 1.5 inches.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Cold temp caused heavy frost, but little damage to agro crops. Add. Rain toward the end of the period stopped all corn planting with wet soils.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Winter grains are looking good except in the poorly drained area where it froze out. Alfalfa weevil are a problem in some areas that required spraying. Had temperatures in the 20's on Monday of this past week. The field activities for the week were planting, spraying and spreading manure.