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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather April 15th, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a good week for field activities with an average of 5 days suitable for field work. Field work progressed steadily through most of last week. Warm temperatures have spurred spring regrowth in pastures and hayfields, and most trees are budding. Significant rainfall over the weekend. 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 and fertilizer spreading, spring tillage and planting alfalfa.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 14, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	83	17
SUBSOIL	0	0	89	11

Crop Conditions as of April 14, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	8	20	72	0
HAY, OTHER	0	5	33	57	5
OATS	14	0	0	86	0
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	8	41	26	25
WINTER WHEAT	4	6	52	36	2

Crop Progress as of April 14, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
OATS: PLANTED	39	14	<5	16
OATS: EMERGED	5	0	0	<5
PEACHES: PINK	12	0	0	27
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	47	25	7	19

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 in the 30's but daytime temperatures rose to 60's. A few days were low 70's but then mid-week cooler temperatures. Got to see some much needed sun in the county and most days had a pretty good breeze going to help dry off the fields. A few showers here at lunchtime. Forecast is to have significant rainfall tonight into Saturday morning. Producers were busy with hauling manure and also spreading fertilizer on their fields. Some tillage has been done this Spring. Some oats has been seeded and emerged and others just being seeded. Some producers are short on feed so they are going to try to get some forage from the oats and others are trying to get some straw as not much wheat seeded last fall and/or not very good stands due to too wet last fall. Wheat crop is growing now from warmer temperatures but most fields have sporadic stands in them due to too wet last fall when seeding and so much moisture laying all winter. Hay is coming along now and greening as well as pastures. Fruit crops are starting to bloom with the early plums, apricots blooming and peaches and cherries are starting to open now. PSU fruit educators are saying disease conditions for the next few days with rain coming for apple scab infection, cedar apple rust galls and brown rot in open stone fruit blossoms. Producers will need to follow their recommendations for spraying accordingly. Some vegetables will be planted under plastic soon and strawberries are coming along. Producers are busy doing what they can in the fields and awaiting soil temperatures to improve a little before soybeans and corn will be planted. They are readying their equipment for the spring activities. Adams County received 1.25" of rainfall on Friday into Saturday

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

No heavy rain, but showers did slow field work, with manure and fertilizer spreading and spraying small grains and alfalfa just beginning. Fruit still appears to be good but still early to determine if any winter damage.

BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon

Field work progressed steadily through most of last week. Warm temperatures have spurred spring regrowth in pastures and hayfields, and most trees are budding. Significant rainfall over the weekend and continued wet weather in the forecast will likely slow field progress this week.

CAMERON/ELK/MCKEAN County, Nicole S. Carutis

Field work just started this week, grass just starting to green up. Maple sap was still running Thursday April 11.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good week for field work. Alfalfa and Oats seeding near complete.

COLUMBIA/LUZERNE/MOUNTOUR Counties, C. John Esslinger

Finally a good week for field work. First tree fruit sprays (copper and oil) being applied.

DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bozak

A couple of dry, warm days allowed for field activities. Over an inch of rain soaked fields on Sunday, April 14 bringing a halt to any field work. Dandelions and yellow rocket have started to bloom. Chickweed, bitter cress, purple deadnettle, and speedwells continue to bloom.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Limited field activities. Spreading of manure, seeding of oats and alfalfa and machine preparedness were the main activities.