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Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather April 22, 2019:

Pennsylvania had a fair week for field activities with an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work. Heavy rain on Friday slowed ground work for several days. Alfalfa seeding, fertilizer spreading, spreading manure, and weed spraying were activities of the week. Peaches are ready to bloom and apple buds are swollen. Pastures are generally in poor conditions from saturated fall/winter/spring conditions, but can hopefully rebound with strong spring growth and some replanting.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 21, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	71	29
SUBSOIL	0	0	71	29

Crop Progress as of April 21, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PINK	39	0	0	26
OATS: PLANTED	59	39	6	34
OATS: EMERGED	30	5	0	10
PEACHES: PINK	61	12	15	41
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	43	0	0	N/A
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	58	47	17	35

Crop Conditions as of April 21, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	3	24	70	3
HAY, OTHER	0	4	28	64	4
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	5	29	41	25
WINTER WHEAT	0	4	35	58	3

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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 is still drying out from last weekend's 3 inches of rainfall from Friday till Monday morning. We are preparing for another significant rainfall today Friday into Saturday which will make us wetter. Some days were windy so that helped to dry off some but not enough to get into the fields. Some sunshine also this week. This week's temperatures have been 40's and 50's morning and early week only was in mid-50's during the daytime and into 60's daytime Wednesday and Thursday got into 70's. This morning Friday is 66 and some sun but rains coming closer. Wheat and barley continues to grow however you can really see where the crops drowned out due to wet conditions now and oats is looking pretty good. Hay continues to grow and getting greener now. Pastures are also greening up and growing. No corn or soybeans have been planted yet as way to wet and soil temperature not warm enough yet. Some fruit crops are flowering like plum, peaches, nectarines and cherries are about ready to flower and apples are a week or so out depending on future weather. At this time not known how the crops will be for 2019. Some vegetables were planted last week but too wet this week. Producers are readying equipment for the spring season. Producers reminded if they applied at FSA office for Market Facilitation Program (MFP) then they have till May 1st to report their production for payment to their respective county FSA offices. Also if they seeded oats and new hay seeding's need reported to FSA offices by June 15th deadline. Friday evening bad storms went through our counties around here that had bad winds and heavy rains. Had anywhere from 1.5 inches to 2.5 inches of rainfall in our county. We are plenty wet and no field work will be for a little while. Water standing in the fields. No damage from the storm from the wind.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Heavy rain on Friday will slow ground work for several days. Alfalfa seeding, fertilizer spreading, spreading manure, and weed spraying were activities of the week. Fruit appears to be doing quite well. Don't see any frost temperatures in the near future.

BRADFORD County, Casey Guindon

Field activities slowed this week due to persistent wet weather. Hayfields, pastures, and cover crops across the county continue to grow rapidly.

CAMBRIA/SOMERSET County, David Stolz

Less wheat in poor condition as growers killed poor acres to go to another crop.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Field work continued between rain showers and wet field conditions. 2 1/2 inches of rainfall for the week.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Wet soil limited field work.

DAUPHIN/PERRY Counties, Liz Bozak

It was a busy week until the rain arrived, again. Eastern redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, trees are in bloom at low to mid elevations. Purple deadnettle, speedwell, dandelion, yellow rocket, and chickweed are still blooming. Dandelion has not yet gone to seed. Bittercress plants started to go to seed. Garlic mustard has just started to bloom along field edges and trails. Conditions this week should favor germination of some late spring/early summer annuals.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Grass has greened up and we will be getting a better look in coming weeks as to the projected quality of the first cut hay. Peaches are ready to bloom and apple buds are swollen. Pastures are generally in poor conditions from saturated fall/winter/spring conditions, but can hopefully rebound with strong spring growth and some replanting.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer

Another week of difficult weather. Nearly eight inches of rain fell in some areas in the past ten days, coupled with damaging winds. Crops were looking good prior to the flooding. Early seeded oats and alfalfa has emerged' Limited seeding and manure spreading for the week took place.

UNION County, James C. Brubaker

Manure is mostly spread. We had a confirmed tornado last Sunday eve which did some major damage. A neighbor's barn was completely destroyed and many barns had damage. We lost part of a pig house roof and a compost shed. Damaged some of our solar panels too. Many trees uprooted and broken off, but much to be thankful for no one was hurt.