

# Crop Service says weather, moisture aid fieldwork

HARRISBURG — The state's farmers continued harvest of strawberries, peas and cherries during the four days suitable for fieldwork in the week ending June 9, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Weather for the week returned to near normal in the wake of severe storms and tornadoes last week. Farm activities during the week included cleaning debris from fields in storm-stricken areas, making hay, cultivating corn, hilling-up potatoes, and harvesting strawberries, peas and cherries.

Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies were rated short by eight percent, adequate by 88 percent and surplus by four percent. All reporters in the northern region rated soil moisture adequate. In the central region moisture was rated 18 percent short and 82 percent adequate. The southern region rated moisture 86 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus.

Meanwhile, corn planting was

reported 98 percent complete compared to 73 percent last year and a five-year average of 87 percent. The northern and central regions report corn planting 98 percent complete and the southern region 99 percent complete.

By the end of the week, 80 percent of the soybean crop was planted. Last year at this time only 42 percent of the crop was planted. The five-year average stands at 52 percent. The northern region reported soybean planting 90 percent complete. The central and southern regions reported 74 and 75 percent complete, respectively.

Wheat growers around the state reported 97 percent of the crop in the heading stage and three percent turning yellow. Last year at this time the wheat crop was 46 percent in boot and 54 percent heading. The northern region reported 98 percent of the crop has headed and two percent turning yellow. Central growers reported wheat virtually all

headed but not turning yellow. The southern section had 91 percent of the wheat crop headed and nine percent turning yellow. Some lodging reported in the southern section due to recent heavy rain.

Statewide barley development was reported as 46 percent headed, 52 percent turning yellow and two percent ripe. Last year's levels were five percent in the boot stage, 77 percent headed and less than ten percent turning yellow. The northern region reported 65 percent headed and 35 percent turning yellow. The central section reported 58 percent headed and 42 percent turning yellow. The southern section reported 23 percent headed, 71 percent turning yellow and six percent ripe.

At the end of the week, 75 percent of the oat crop was headed. In the northern region 58 percent of the oat crop was headed. The central section reported 66 percent of the crop headed and the southern region reported 94 percent headed.

None of the regions report oats turning yellow.

First cutting alfalfa was 52 percent complete compared to last year's cutting of 23 percent. First cutting clover-timothy was 27 percent complete, ahead of last year's cutting of 13 percent. Quality of hay made was rated poor by 27 percent, fair by 50 percent, and good by 23 percent. The amount of feed being obtained

from pastures was rated 87 percent average and 13 percent above average.

Strawberry picking continues in all regions. A limited crop of sweet cherries are beginning to ripen in the southern region. Peach crop prospects are far below average. Apple prospects for the Commonwealth are average to above average.

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