

**FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 8  
EXCELLENT WEEK FOR FIELDWORK**

Pennsylvania, during the past week, experienced slightly above normal temperatures and well below normal precipitation. Most of the precipitation fell in the north and west sections of the State. The Lower Susquehanna, Southeastern Piedmont and East Central Mountains continue drier than normal. Average temperature across the State was slightly above normal. Six days were suitable for fieldwork. Activities for the week included: planting corn, soybeans and vegetables; harvesting hay, haylage, barley and vegetables; repairing fence; weed control; hauling manure; spreading fertilizer; maintaining machinery; and caring for livestock.

**SOIL MOISTURE**

Soil moisture, across the State, was rated short by 47 percent of our respondents, adequate by 49 percent and surplus by 4 percent. In the northern region, 20 percent rated soil moisture as short, 76 percent rated it as adequate, and 4 percent rated it as surplus. In the central region, 53 percent of our respondents rated soil moisture as short, adequate by 41 percent and 6 percent rated it as surplus. In the southern region, 72 percent of our respondents rated soil moisture as short and 28 percent rated soil moisture as adequate.

**CORN**

The Commonwealth's corn planting was 100 percent complete, by week's end. Last year at this time, 99 percent was planted. The five-year average was 100 percent. In the northern, central and southern regions planting was 99, 100, and 100 percent completed, respectively. Respondents rated corn condition as 21 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 25 percent fair, 6 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor. Across the State, corn height averaged 25 inches.

**SOYBEANS**

Pennsylvania soybean planting was 95 percent complete by the end of the week. As of this date last year, 83 percent was planted. The five-year average was 95 percent. Soybean condition across the State was rated 19 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 21 percent fair, 6 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor.

**OATS**

By week's end, 74 percent of Pennsylvania oats were in the heading stage, 24 percent were turning yellow, and 2 percent were ripe. Last year at this time, 80 percent of the oats crop was in the heading or headed stage, 18 percent was turning yellow, and 2 percent was ripe. Our respondents rated the oats crop condition across the Commonwealth as 30 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 15 percent fair, 2 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

**WHEAT AND BARLEY**

Wheat, across Pennsylvania, was reported as 17 percent heading, 47 percent turning yellow, 30 percent ripe, and 6 percent harvested, by week's end. Last year's wheat was 19 percent headed, 53 percent turning yellow and 3 percent ripe at this time. The wheat crop was rated 21 percent excellent, 60 percent good, 15 percent fair, 2 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor by our respondents. Pennsylvania barley was 13 percent heading, 23 percent turning yellow, 20 percent ripe, and 44 percent had been harvested. At this time last year, the State's barley was 11 percent heading, 21 percent was turning yellow, 35 percent ripe, and 33 percent harvested.

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## Meet The New FFA Officers

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High School, Berks County. Jason is the son of James Franke and Carolyn Holden and his chapter advisor is Richard Byerly. Jason's career ambition is to become a vocational agriculture teacher.

The new north central vice president is Jennifer K. Brown from Coudersport Area Jr.-Sr. High School. Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. Robert Brown and Mrs. Judy Brown and her chapter advisor is Earl K. Brown. Jennifer will major in agriculture education and elementary music education at

The new southern vice president is Larry Smeltz from Upper Dauphin Area High School, Dauphin County. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smeltz and his chapter advisor is Stanley Weaver. Larry will major in agriculture economics at Penn State.

The new western vice president is Nevin W. Hersch, III, from Meyersdale Area Sr. High School, Somerset County. Nevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin R. Hersch, Jr., and his chapter advisor is Jeff Leydig. Nevin plans to attend Bob Jones University.

The new secretary is Antoinette M. Gomez from Oxford High School, Chester County. Toni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isidro Gomez and her chapter advisors are Sam Byers and Scott Gold. Toni plans to attend Penn State University, majoring in veterinarian medicine, on a full

academic scholarship.

The new reporter is Matthew Zerby from West Snyder High School, Snyder County. Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin H. Zerby and his chapter advisors are Steve Kline and Bill Sheaffer.

The new treasurer is Eric Marshall of Twin Valley High School, Berks County. Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Readinger and his chapter advisor is Ron Frederick. Eric hopes to attend a four-year university and eventually own his own greenhouse.

The new chaplain is Larry B. Feeser, Jr., from New Oxford High School, Adams County. Larry is the son of Mrs. Verna Jean Feeser and the late Mr. Larry B. Feeser and his chapter advisor is Brian Campbell. Larry plans to attend college to become a vocational agriculture teacher.

The new sentinel is John Rishel from Mifflinburg Area High School, Union County. John is the son of Mr. Wayne A. Rishel and his chapter advisors are Mr. Sanders, Tim Weller, and David Woodling. John attends Bloomsburg University, majoring in business management. He hopes to return back to his family's farm after finishing his college education.

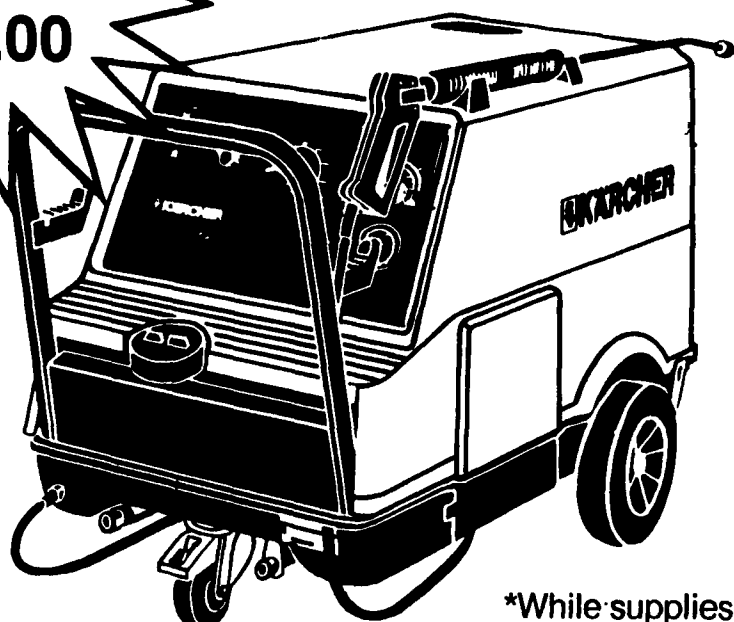
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