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NEW YORK: Spring fieldwork underway with the help of warm, dry weather. Moisture over the last two weeks was sparse, most areas lag normal precipitation. Plowing and manure spreading progressed. Onion planting in southern regions going full forced. Maple syrup continued with good sap flow due to some cold nights and warm daytime temperatures, boiling into the early morning hours. Other major activities include spring pruning fruit trees, tending livestock, and mending damaged fencing and machinery equipment.