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NEW YORK: Days suitable: 6.0. Soil moisture was rated 6% very short, 20% short, 64% adequate, and 10% surplus. Pasture conditions were 12% poor, 36% fair, 50% good, and 2% excellent. Dry conditions allowed farmers to get on fields and begin work. Across the State, growers were finishing fertilizer applications and pruning apple trees. Vegetable crops were being planted, but heavy rainfall over the weekend halted field activities. Orange County onion planting reached about 85% complete.