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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Fair Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 3.5 days suitable for field work. High volumes of rain caused harvest delays and some yellowing in low elevation or poorly drained areas this week. Some areas reported crop damage caused by hail and wind storms. Reports of the possibility of some late tomato blight remain unverified as of yet. Grass hay fields are producing high volumes, but poor quality. Some pastures are reported in excellent condition, others are damaged from heavy grazing. Corn looks wavy and is tasseling. The sweet corn harvest is beginning slowly. Small grain harvests are difficult due to weather conditions. Reports state the best quality wheat has already been harvested. Soybeans continue to look good. Grapes are beginning to ripen. Bird netting may be applied soon. Field activities for the week include cutting hay, applying fertilizer, mowing and baling hay, mowing pastures, spraying of trees and fixing machinery.

## New York Soil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	2%	58%	40%
Subsoil	0%	4%	60%	36%

Hay Alfalfa Third Cutting	18%	5%	13%	N/A
Hay Other Second Cutting	65%	54%	N/A	N/A
Hay Other Third Cutting	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oats Harvested	15%	9%	28%	33%
Onions Planted	99%	88%	N/A	N/A
Onions Harvested	10%	7%	6%	12%
Snap Beans Planted	97%	90%	99%	N/A
Soybeans Blooming	60%	40%	N/A	N/A
Soybeans Setting Pods	27%	12%	N/A	N/A
Sweet Corn Harvested	5%	N/A	27%	22%
Winter Wheat Harvested	81%	72%	95%	93%

## Crop Progress (%)

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Barley Headed	99%	94%	N/A	N/A
Barley Mature	18%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cabbage Harvested	17%	14%	N/A	N/A
Corn Silking	55%	32%	N/A	N/A
Corn Dough	16%	6%	N/A	N/A
Corn Average Height	69 inches	55 inches	N/A	N/A
Hay Alfalfa Second Cutting	73%	70%	84%	82%

## Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	0	2	13	66	19
Corn	1	3	21	53	22
Hay Alfalfa	3	6	21	58	12
Hay Other Than Alfalfa	2	8	23	50	17
Oats	0	1	17	65	17
Pasture and Range	9	7	23	47	14
Soybeans	1	5	19	56	19
Winter Wheat	1	10	27	46	16
Apples	3	10	41	40	6
Peaches	6	12	42	34	6

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## August 3, 2014 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northern	Fort_Drum	81	50	65	-6	1.07	3	17.45	+4.01	54	1433	+44	2483
	Highmarket	80	40	60	-7	2.52	4	23.50	+5.33	57	1021	-37	1958
	Hooker_12NNW	80	49	64	-1	2.35	6	23.54	+6.24	57	1387	+461	2422
	Lowville	80	47	63	-5	2.36	5	17.04	+3.34	45	1232	+24	2237
	Massena	84	51	64	-6	1.77	3	17.19	+4.46	54	1378	+23	2418
	Watertown_Intl	81	51	66	-3	1.19	3	17.14	+5.95	57	1448	+210	2512
Northeast	Indian_Lake	76	44	60	-5	2.11	4	19.02	+4.80	61	973	+125	1901
	Malone	78	50	63	-4	2.36	6	18.51	+4.34	58	1216	+115	2227
	Newcomb	80	44	61	-4	2.14	4	20.97	+5.91	59	1017	+107	1956
	North_Creek	83	49	65	-4	2.11	3	17.67	+1.08	51	1241	+8	2237
	Plattsburgh_Int	81	49	64	-7	1.82	4	16.61	+3.69	50	1363	+11	2427
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	78	45	61	-5	2.21	4	19.93	+4.39	59	1041	+110	1983
Western	Avon	83	54	67	-4	6.42	4	20.58	+8.35	53	1522	+129	2601
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	82	54	67	-5	2.98	6	18.85	+5.17	57	1571	+119	2668
	Canandaigua_3S	85	54	67	-5	5.16	5	17.77	+4.52	57	1556	+87	2617
	Colden_1W	80	51	64	-5	2.73	5	22.07	+6.00	60	1272	+92	2298
	Dansville_AP	85	53	67	-4	2.27	4	14.34	+1.54	53	1723	+294	2843
	Geneva_Research	83	52	66	-5	5.05	6	18.76	+5.71	54	1479	+59	2541
	Rochester_NY	83	55	68	-4	3.60	6	17.16	+5.00	56	1657	+212	2764
	Warsaw	78	50	63	-5	3.32	5	19.99	+3.91	62	1225	+107	2227
	Youngstown	85	58	69	-3	1.18	3	14.54	+2.92	52	1452	-15	2537
Central	Auburn_NY	83	52	66	-6	2.98	6	18.91	+4.76	58	1475	-29	2528
	Boonville	78	47	62	-5	2.39	4	24.67	+6.50	52	1103	+45	2061
	Cooperstown	80	50	65	-3	1.50	5	19.76	+3.83	55	1357	+201	2435
	Fulton-Oswego	83	50	66	-5	2.01	5	16.28	+3.02	55	1502	+101	2559
	Oneonta	80	46	64	-5	1.02	2	19.96	+2.63	52	1267	+2	2271
	Sherburne	84	48	65	-4	1.46	3	17.83	+2.78	57	1360	+99	2390
	Syracuse_AP	86	52	68	-4	2.53	5	16.32	+1.46	52	1731	+274	2820
Eastern	Albany_County_A	84	58	71	-1	2.72	3	16.69	+2.20	48	1773	+274	2901
	Alcove_Dam	80	54	67	-4	1.56	3	19.36	+3.21	55	1323	+4	2379
	Brunswick_NY	82	57	69	0	3.24	4	19.62	+1.65	55	1605	+349	2709
	Buskirk	77	53	65	-4	3.22	3	20.87	+2.90	48	1292	+36	2329
	Cobleskill	81	52	66	-5	1.82	3	18.58	+4.40	55	1306	+4	2335
	Peck_Lake	77	49	62	-7	1.96	4	27.42	+9.80	60	1084	-134	2047
	Saratoga_Spring	83	57	68	-4	1.77	3	17.90	+2.08	55	1544	+13	2627
Southwest	Alfred	84	45	63	-5	1.11	4	18.07	+2.90	59	1131	+48	2135
	Bath	86	43	65	-5	0.93	6	18.36	+5.33	53	1469	+210	2511
	Corning	83	47	63	-6	0.19	3	15.15	+2.12	53	1211	-48	2223
	Franklinville	81	47	63	-4	1.15	7	17.86	+2.07	70	1174	+126	2178
	Jamestown_AP	79	46	63	-7	2.10	6	19.96	+2.79	52	1303	-58	2362
	Olean	83	50	64	-3	1.74	6	21.76	+4.79	61	1321	+218	2376
	Perrysburg	80	53	65	-7	2.37	5	25.17	11.40	48	1298	-129	2344
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	83	51	66	-3	0.01	1	15.20	+0.55	54	1463	+188	2542
	Elmira_Ag	87	49	66	-5	0.61	3	15.18	+1.49	53	1409	-10	2462
	Ithaca_Cornell_	84	47	65	-5	0.59	4	16.34	+2.10	56	1347	+63	2384
	Mecklenburg	83	49	65	-4	1.15	3	17.56	+2.60	57	1288	+95	2264
	Owego_3WSW	87	49	66	-5	0.59	3	12.12	-2.83	53	1347	+37	2386
	Whitney_Point_L	85	50	66	-4	0.32	2	13.00	-1.95	53	1347	+37	2393
Southeast	Bridgehampton	81	55	70	-4	1.79	3	14.54	-0.67	41	1483	-5	2590
	Carmel_4N	78	54	67	-6	0.98	4	20.17	+1.79	54	1407	-215	2519
	East_Jewett	81	48	63	-2	1.13	4	21.64	+3.34	59	1113	+185	2112
	Mohonk_Lake	81	56	69	-4	0.57	4	22.10	+3.14	53	1668	+93	2828
	Montgomery_NY_A	87	54	70	-2	0.16	4	15.71	-1.66	51	1753	+258	2898
	New_York_LGA	88	65	75	-3	0.72	3	21.09	+4.85	46	2139	+88	3340
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	85	55	70	-3	0.88	3	20.82	+3.43	53	1680	+122	2824
	Vanderbilt_Muse	84	59	71	-5	0.45	3	16.77	+0.85	50	1816	+34	2980
	Walton	83	49	64	-5	1.28	3	18.49	+1.16	47	1199	-66	2212
	Yorktown_Height	85	56	70	-3	0.94	4	18.86	+0.34	54	1742	+129	2908

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

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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.*

### **Cortland/ Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty**

Corn fields continue to appear wavy, especially with the tallest corn starting to tassel. Hay harvest continues between the spotty rain showers.

### **Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties, Nathan R Herendeen**

The old grain traders' cliché, "rain makes grain" should mean big harvests of grain corn and soy. All the good wheat is harvested. Quality is declining rapidly. Harvest of wheat, oats, barley and dry hay has been halted due to constant rain and lack of adequate drying periods between showers. Grass hay yields have been and will be high, quality low. Pastures excellent - no summer shortage due to lack of moisture and heat.

### **Lewis County, Joe Lawrence**

Rain amounts varied greatly across the county with significant rains coming on Sunday, Monday and Saturday for different areas. Some hail damage was observed after Saturday's storm.

### **Livingston County, Dean Pendergast Dir**

Rain has delayed the completion of wheat harvest.

### **Madison County, Jessica Pylman**

Madison County has had a lot of rain. Most fields have tolerated the excess precipitation well and look good but there are some poor looking corn and soybean fields or spots in fields where excess water has caused some yellowing.

### **Madison County, Karen Baase**

Spotty showers this week throughout the county has delayed wheat & hay harvest. Unconfirmed late blight in tomatoes awaiting verification. Wet field conditions prevalent in low lying areas.

### **Niagara County**

Just keeps raining in Niagara County.

### **Oneida County, William Paddock**

What seems to be the theme for the summer was last week in Oneida County. Multiple days that were nice but rain in the afternoons or at night slowed any progress in the fields. Corn that was planted early and on dry ground looks fantastic! Corn is tasseling and silking in about 50% of corn planted. Soybeans continue to look great. Small grain harvest is trying to really get into swing but the weather is not cooperating. Still see some first cutting that has not been done but on the other hand see a lot of third cutting that is ready to go as well. Rotationally grazed pastures look great as the continued rain and decent temperatures keep the pastures lush, continually grazed pastures look very tough though.

### **Ontario County, Joann Rogers**

Ontario County experienced excessive rain throughout the week and a hail storm on 07/31 that shredded field and vegetable crops. Sweet corn harvest started this week.

### **Orange County, Ford Barber**

Conditions continue to be favorable. The weather has been mostly cooperative with only a few reports of scattered severe wind or rain. Crops appear to be in good to excellent conditions.

### **Rensselaer/ Saratoga/ Warren/ Washington Counties, David Holck**

During the last week of July our counties received around 3 inches of rain. At the Greenwich Service Center we had a total of 6.85 inches of rain in the gauge for the month of July. The rain and high humidity made baling hay impossible during the week. Corn continues to look excellent on well drained soils and poor on clay and poorly drained soils.

### **Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar**

3-5 inches of rain fell last week leaving fields with standing water. Most wheat has been harvested.

### **Suffolk County, Alice V Wise**

Veraison, the beginning of the ripening period, is starting in Long Island vineyards. Growers will apply protective bird netting within the next few weeks.

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