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Excellent week for field work: New England averaged 6.0 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures throughout most of New England were warmer than normal last week. Average weekly temperatures in the region ranged from three degrees below normal to eight degrees above normal. Nine percent of pasture was rated in poor condition while 27 percent was fair, 47 percent was good, and 17 percent was excellent. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0 to 1.36 inches in the region. The warmer weather helped to dry out some of the more saturated soil, but left other areas looking a bit too dry. The warm, dry weather allowed for second and third cuttings of hay to continue in all six states. Corn remained in good condition throughout the region, progressing towards maturity. Blueberry harvest continued, with harvest predicted to come to a close in the upcoming weeks. Apples, peaches, pears, plums, and many types of vegetables were being harvested in the region. In New Hampshire, sheep producers were getting ready for fall breeding. Fall mums were available at farmers' markets and farm stands.

Crop Progress as of August 31st, 2014

Fruit Crops	Fruit Set	Harvested
Apples	---	12%
Blueberries, tame	---	89%
Blueberries, wild (ME)	---	88%
Peaches	---	68%
Pears	---	16%
Field Crops	Blooming	Harvested
Barley (ME)	---	65%
Oats (ME)	---	50%
Potatoes	---	30%
Sweet Corn	---	77%
Tobacco, Cigar Binder	---	80%
Tobacco, Cigar Wrapper	---	92%
Dry Hay	2nd Cutting	3rd Cutting
	94%	54%

New England Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 31st, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	1%	11%	70%	18%
Subsoil	1%	8%	72%	19%

Crop Conditions as of August 31st, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Apples	1%	2%	10%	76%	11%
Barley (ME)	0%	0%	0%	35%	65%
Blueberries, tame	0%	1%	14%	71%	14%
Blueberries, wild (ME)	0%	10%	0%	75%	15%
Cranberries (MA)	0%	10%	35%	45%	10%
Corn for grain or silage	0%	0%	7%	67%	26%
Dry Hay	0%	0%	11%	60%	29%
Oats (ME)	0%	0%	0%	20%	80%
Peaches	0%	3%	27%	68%	2%
Pears	4%	1%	21%	69%	5%
Potatoes	0%	0%	0%	60%	40%
Sweet Corn	0%	0%	23%	69%	8%
Tobacco, Cigar Binder	11%	0%	11%	70%	8%
Tobacco, Cigar Wrapper	0%	0%	2%	98%	0%

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

September 1, 2014 New England Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maine	Augusta_State_A	87	52	69	+3	0.26	1	22.59	+4.65	62	1825	-1	3160
	Bangor_Intl_Air	89	48	69	+5	0.00	0	18.68	+2.32	61	1806	+81	3132
	Bethel	87	52	67	+4	0.00	0	27.20	+6.93	62	1605	-44	2913
	Bridgton	87	49	67	+5	0.00	0	22.97	+3.16	54	1700	+190	3002
	Caribou_Municip	88	44	68	+8	0.05	1	18.92	+1.65	67	1633	+294	2861
	Dover-Foxcroft	88	44	67	+6	0.00	0	21.09	+2.54	68	1600	+254	2861
	Durham	84	48	66	+1	0.04	1	25.99	+7.38	67	1611	-66	2929
	East_Surry	82	46	66	+2	0.22	2	20.39	+2.28	63	1470	-121	2761
	Eustis	84	42	62	+5	0.00	0	20.82	+3.03	62	1173	+129	2361
	Frenchville	84	40	64	+6	0.16	3	18.89	+1.27	67	1376	+140	2550
	Harmony	88	43	66	+4	0.00	0	25.04	+6.72	69	1570	+24	2852
	Houlton	88	45	67	+7	0.03	1	19.43	+2.55	68	1541	+174	2776
	Livermore_Falls	88	44	66	+5	0.00	0	26.44	+6.28	57	1584	+223	2869
	Machias	81	39	64	+3	0.08	1	24.71	+5.11	59	1353	+98	2554
	Millinocket_Wtr	90	43	67	+4	0.00	0	18.73	-0.28	63	1492	-63	2709
	Moosehead	87	42	64	+5	0.03	1	21.91	+2.63	73	1323	+150	2530
	Portland_ME	88	51	69	+5	0.14	1	24.45	+6.72	52	1793	+152	3134
	Sanford	87	50	68	+3	0.00	0	22.73	+3.24	36	1817	-66	3147
	Topsfield_2	86	48	67	+5	0.03	1	25.32	+6.38	60	1597	+117	2853
	Turner	88	52	68	+2	0.00	0	27.16	+8.74	63	1729	-237	3043
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	83	50	65	+4	0.00	0	20.08	+1.73	60	1471	+9	2749
	Bradford_2	84	47	65	+1	0.00	0	27.11	+7.54	52	1513	-247	2813
	Colebrook	83	44	63	+3	0.10	1	24.15	+4.95	80	1287	-56	2496
	Concord	88	47	69	+4	0.00	0	21.52	+5.44	54	1943	+96	3285
	East_Milford	87	49	69	+3	0.00	0	17.84	-1.13	51	1971	+13	3336
	Epping	88	46	68	+3	0.00	0	18.43	+0.10	57	1931	+75	3285
	Fitzwilliam	82	45	64	+2	0.00	0	25.23	+5.91	51	1536	-32	2814
	Greenville	86	50	67	+5	0.00	0	18.99	-0.21	46	1715	+147	3043
	Jefferson	84	49	66	+4	0.11	2	21.02	+2.12	65	1497	-26	2773
	Keene_AG	88	46	67	+3	0.00	0	26.67	+8.14	57	1801	+20	3134
	Lakeport_2	87	54	69	+3	0.60	1	21.15	+2.81	54	1990	+80	3332
	Lebanon	87	47	69	+5	0.01	1	18.93	+2.81	64	1955	+219	3295
	North_Conway	86	49	67	+3	0.00	0	21.16	+0.86	72	1597	-132	2905
	Tamworth_4	84	46	64	+4	0.00	0	21.25	-1.02	59	1423	+26	2687
Vermont	Bennington_AP	83	47	67	+6	0.00	0	18.36	-3.86	60	1891	+432	3248
	Burlington_Intl	86	54	71	+6	0.05	1	19.48	+1.87	69	2214	+300	3583
	Corinth	80	50	63	+1	0.07	1	17.63	+1.01	54	1372	-193	2600
	Island_Pond	83	49	65	+5	0.24	2	22.89	+2.97	77	1423	+105	2664
	Johnson_2N	80	52	65	+4	0.12	1	23.70	+4.14	65	1423	-37	2689
	Marlboro_Raws	81	48	64	+3	0.00	0	27.98	+9.59	61	1517	+93	2783
	Montpelier_AP	83	48	66	+4	0.00	0	19.28	+2.66	68	1585	+20	2867
	Newport_AG	85	51	67	+3	0.27	1	25.21	+6.31	71	1577	-198	2833
	Rochester	84	49	66	+4	0.12	2	21.72	+0.46	71	1689	+190	2990
	Rutland_AG	83	50	66	+2	0.04	1	18.66	-0.27	62	1687	-141	2985
	Springfield_VT	86	47	67	+4	0.00	0	22.81	+2.44	58	1817	+173	3142
	South_Lincoln	83	48	64	+5	0.00	0	21.81	-0.74	61	1379	+94	2628
	Sutton	83	50	65	+6	0.16	1	20.27	+0.35	74	1444	+126	2691
	Walden	80	44	62	+2	0.00	0	18.36	-1.56	70	1119	-199	2288

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	Woodstock	86	48	66	+3	0.32	1	22.39	+4.37	60	1751	+92	3047
Massachusetts	Amherst	88	48	68	+2	0.01	1	23.00	+3.20	61	2045	+59	3419
	Barre_Falls_Dam	86	45	66	+3	0.40	1	20.42	+0.19	62	1687	+117	2994
	Bedford_Hanscom	89	48	69	+3	0.06	1	17.38	-1.35	52	2082	+48	3453
	Beverly_Ag	88	52	68	-2	0.11	1	15.61	-1.49	48	2113	-21	3449
	Birch_Hill_Dam	87	47	67	+4	0.00	0	26.17	+6.63	54	1839	+246	3164
	Boston_Logan_In	91	58	73	+3	0.02	1	14.59	-1.90	50	2339	+68	3759
	Chatham_AP	80	50	68	+2	0.02	1	13.90	-3.91	56	1901	+282	3281
	Chicopee_Westov	89	48	69	+3	1.36	1	26.18	+6.38	61	2157	+171	3550
	Edgartown	82	48	68	-1	0.00	0	11.18	-7.19	46	2009	+117	3417
	East_Brimfield_	86	50	67	+2	0.15	1	18.07	-1.14	66	1880	+60	3237
	Fitchburg	90	51	72	+5	0.00	0	15.91	-4.38	58	2342	+273	3740
	Greenfield	86	49	67	+1	0.00	0	27.22	+7.42	61	1856	-130	3224
	Hyannis_AP	82	47	68	0	0.00	0	14.91	-1.60	47	2016	+167	3411
	Maynard	92	47	69	+3	0.08	1	20.56	+1.83	64	2124	+90	3508
	New_Bedford	87	46	68	-3	0.07	1	19.67	-0.43	48	2063	-208	3473
	Newburyport	92	53	70	+3	0.00	0	17.58	-1.16	49	2007	-42	3371
	North_Adams_Har	85	46	67	+5	0.00	0	18.74	-3.77	58	1911	+379	3271
	Norwood	89	44	69	+1	0.02	1	12.85	-5.79	45	2088	-30	3483
	Pittsfield	82	46	66	+3	0.00	0	24.92	+3.10	56	1738	+30	3079
	Plymouth	86	47	68	-1	0.00	0	17.02	-2.28	48	2033	-35	3414
	Taunton_4NW	91	49	70	+3	0.00	0	13.98	-5.12	51	2247	+174	3654
	Westfield_Barne	90	50	71	+7	0.13	1	24.33	+3.88	57	2312	+579	3730
	West_Otis	86	50	68	+5	0.13	1	21.45	-2.02	64	1853	+211	3152
	Worcester	84	54	69	+4	1.32	1	20.28	-0.29	58	1977	+126	3342
	Worthington	84	47	65	+2	0.02	1	26.58	+4.50	64	1583	-8	2897
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	87	54	70	+2	0.00	0	15.44	-2.21	46	2027	+84	3435
	Providence	90	55	71	+3	0.00	0	15.94	-2.33	46	2323	+83	3763
	Westerly-Wester	84	50	69	-1	0.00	0	14.87	-4.59	42	2029	-18	3432
	Woonsocket	89	51	70	+3	0.00	0	16.60	-3.09	48	2195	+96	3609
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	87	59	73	+3	0.00	0	19.40	+0.29	49	2503	+181	3938
	Danbury_AP	88	51	69	+2	0.57	1	20.42	-1.90	60	2120	-51	3525
	Hartford_Bradle	91	53	72	+4	0.04	1	19.83	+0.08	62	2440	+118	3880
	Meriden-Meriden	90	51	71	+3	0.00	0	14.98	-7.57	46	2262	+155	3678
	Norfolk	85	49	67	+3	0.12	1	28.06	+4.59	67	1768	+126	3105
	Norwich	89	52	69	0	0.00	0	15.06	-5.85	42	2264	+31	3704
	Staffordville	85	49	67	+2	0.20	1	18.72	-2.19	55	1779	-97	3108
	Thomaston_Dam	88	50	68	+3	0.30	2	25.75	+4.12	74	2124	+225	3512
	West_Thompson_L	86	50	67	+1	0.04	1	18.69	-2.67	57	1868	-25	3227
	Willimantic	88	50	70	+4	0.02	1	15.79	-5.12	51	2225	+349	3644

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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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.

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD & TOLLAND, Ross Eddy

Another dry and hotter than normal week with only a trace of rain Wednesday and Sunday evening. High volume of sweet corn and other vegetables sold for Labor Day celebrations. Most are done harvesting broadleaf tobacco and many shade tobacco acres are done. Many still waiting for field corn to ripen before starting to chop as silage. Good weather for making dry hay although yields are below normal.

LITCHFIELD, Richard Meinert

Seeing some downy mildew on pumpkins. Harvesting blueberries, peaches, and vegetables. Silage corn is drying slowly with cool nights. Not sure corn will be ready when farmers want to start cutting next week.

WINDHAM, Dawn S. Pindell

Dry weather continues. Some hay was mature at less than one foot tall; cutting so the next crop has a chance to grow. Corn is maturing. St. Croix grapes are ready to harvest. Grapes have done well with less pressure of disease due to the dry year. Birds are a problem in the vineyards now that grapes are ripening. Vegetables were plentiful at farmers' markets and farm stands.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James

Dry conditions persist. Grain harvest has passed the half way mark. Big crops and top quality are the only reports I have gotten. The dry conditions will probably limit the potato yields. Second cut hay crops have been small.

CUMBERLAND & YORK, Sandy Truslow

Harvesting activities continued all week. Second cutting of hay continued and third cuttings are underway. Soils are starting to dry out.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Highbush blueberry harvest is completed, with a lighter than normal harvest and some mummy berry damage from excessive rainfall. Sweet corn harvest has been booming right along with a plentiful crop. Crops are all green and growing well. Apple and potato picking are underway.

HANCOCK, Valerie Porter

Corn and potato crops look great and some early potatoes have been harvested along with sweet corn. Second cutting of hay is well underway. Blueberry harvest is in full swing with some done harvesting. Early apples are being picked and farm stands are in full swing.

HANCOCK, David Yarborough

It is expected that blueberry harvest will be done downeast by Thursday or Friday of this week. Crop is expected to be the second largest at 95 to 100 million pounds.

SOMERSET, Kathy Hopkins

A good week for making hay.

SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus

Great week for field work. Rainfall has been plentiful this growing season for apples and harvest for early varieties is now beginning.

MASSACHUSETTS

NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Deb Cannon

Growers are preparing for harvest. This week saw summer-like conditions with high humidity and heat.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders

The hot weather has returned, which is welcomed by late ripening tomatoes, eggplant, and other crops. Onions and fall crops are being removed from fields, cover crop and fall greens being planted now. Sheep producers are getting ready for fall breeding.

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Sunny all week, with a few cooler days midweek. Pastures and hayfields continue to look good and grow well. Corn continues to mature, but a bit more slowly with cooler temps; still a little ways to go before fields are ready for chopping. Veggie crops doing well. PYO blueberries winding down. Apples becoming more common at farm stands and farmers' markets.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Good weather for field work and County Fair. It's getting a little dry.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

The general lack of significant rain over the last week or so has allowed some saturated soils to drain. Haying conditions on the less well-drained sites has improved access and haying conditions. Farmers report that hay yields are highly variable. Well-drained river bottom soils are doing better than some upland soils. Hay producers are hoping that they can make up the difference on a subsequent cutting. The Corn crop looks good on most floodplain fields along the Connecticut River bottom. Corn fields that are along other tributaries do not look as good.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Orchardists harvesting peaches, plums, and Paula Red, Ginger Gold, Zestar and Honeycrisp apples. Orchardists busy monitoring for pests, mowing orchard floors, fixing up orchard roads and moving bins into the orchard. Also, orchardists are spraying stop drop materials to apples. Highbush blueberry harvest over except for those few growers who have late maturing varieties, and fall raspberry harvest continued. Vegetables: Growers are harvesting an array of vegetables: beans, beets, cole crops, cucumbers, greens, peas, potatoes, radishes, summer

squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables. Sweet corn growers are monitoring insect pressures and spraying accordingly. Also, growers scout for Northern Corn Leaf Blight symptoms. Field Crops: Hay cutting continued during the week with the second and third cuttings being made. Some spreading of manure on hay fields. Farmers making new forage seedings.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Harvesting an array of vegetables, including artichokes. Harvesting early apple varieties, peaches, nectarines, pears, blueberries, raspberries and some ever-bearing strawberries. Field corn maturing, pasture and other crops thirsty for rain. Second and third cuts of hay being made. Monitoring pests continues and mowing orchard floor especially in the PYO fields. Mums now available at busy farmers' markets, farm stands, and garden centers. Nice, sunny pleasant week ended with a Sunday overnight much needed rain.

RHODE ISLAND

NEWPORT, Paul E. Brule

With no rain last week, sweet corn was showing even more signs of drought. Harvesting potatoes; the early crops are just about all dug out. Still a little light on production but the skins are a lot thicker now and they're looking better. Second cutting hay is all done now. There is an abundance of very nice quality vegetables, such as tomatoes, peppers, squash, etc. Livestock looks real good this year on pasture. If we don't get some rain soon, they're going to have to start getting them some supplement feed because with lack of rain, there are signs of pastures drying up. A lot of sugar pumpkins are out now and ripened up nice, as well as fall mums.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Hay harvest has been great here in Franklin County this week. Most second and third cuts of hay are off and should make way for some good fourth cut in some situations with the good weather. Corn continues to progress and most late planted corn is tasseled out and early planted is doing super at finishing. Sweet corn is on the tail end of harvest with reports of a great crop. Apples are very hit or miss, depending on what the weather was in that orchard this spring. This can be very site specific with neighboring orchards having very different situations. Harvest festivals are now being advertised, which makes for a good time to get out and support the local agriculture.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

The weather was a little unsettled this past week with the occasional shower. Temperature was warm with high humidity. Corn continues to look very good and is nearly mature. Farmers continue to do some third cut haying. Yields and quality are very good.

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