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

New England experienced seasonal fall-like temperatures last week, with warmer days and cooler evenings. Average weekly temperatures in the region ranged from five degrees below normal to six degrees above normal. One percent of pasture was rated in very poor condition while 23 percent was poor, 39 percent was fair, 34 percent was good, and 3 percent was excellent. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.01 to 2.33 inches in the region. The precipitation helped areas that were dry, but Eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island continued to experience mild to moderate drought conditions. Scattered frosts occurred throughout the region, causing variable damage depending on location and vulnerability of affected crops. The harvesting of field corn for silage as well as the harvesting of cranberries remained active throughout the region. Most potato growers were wrapping up for this season. Farmers remained busy pulling plastic mulch off of fields, applying lime, sowing cover crops, and spreading manure.

New England Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 12th, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	2%	25%	66%	7%
Subsoil	2%	21%	70%	7%

Crop Progress as of October 12th, 2014

Fruit Crops	Harvested
Apples	79%
Cranberries (MA)	25%
Pears	96%
Field Crops	Harvested
Corn for silage	74%
Potatoes	89%
Dry Hay	4 th Cutting
	71%

Crop Conditions as of October 12th, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn for grain or silage	0%	4%	15%	55%	26%
Cranberries (MA)	0%	10%	25%	55%	10%

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

October 12, 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	69	38	53	+3	0.17	4	23.90	+0.80	74	2221	+59	3969
	Bangor_Intl_Air	68	33	51	+2	1.38	3	21.50	+0.43	73	2193	+170	3923
	Bethel	69	31	49	0	0.58	2	29.49	+4.14	76	1894	-26	3586
	Bridgton	67	31	49	+2	0.07	2	24.95	-0.25	67	1990	+260	3689
	Caribou_Municip	64	29	48	+4	1.72	4	23.43	+1.72	87	1914	+432	3503
	Dover-Foxcroft	68	31	48	+2	1.11	2	23.98	-0.17	79	1853	+346	3485
	Durham	69	31	50	0	0.37	2	28.08	+4.20	79	1917	-66	3632
	East_Surry	64	34	50	-1	0.66	1	23.26	-0.49	75	1773	-106	3468
	Eustis	60	28	45	+1	1.11	3	23.20	+0.53	74	1361	+211	2862
	Frenchville	58	34	46	+2	1.73	5	23.85	+1.64	89	1574	+214	3072
	Harmony	70	31	49	+2	0.26	3	26.77	+3.15	81	1824	+57	3489
	Houlton	66	26	49	+4	1.49	4	22.44	+0.87	80	1839	+323	3438
	Livermore_Falls	70	27	48	+2	0.06	1	28.58	+3.15	70	1869	+335	3527
	Machias	64	29	48	-1	0.80	2	27.69	+2.42	77	1577	+99	3174
	Millinocket_Wtr	65	29	47	+1	2.33	3	23.84	-0.26	77	1719	-45	3300
	Moosehead	66	31	47	+3	0.85	4	24.78	+0.20	86	1546	+238	3107
	Portland_ME	75	36	55	+6	0.03	2	26.96	+4.26	65	2219	+286	3974
	Sanford	71	31	50	-2	0.14	2	24.98	+0.18	48	2183	-52	3916
	Topsfield_2	67	36	51	+5	1.10	3	29.16	+4.64	72	1891	+196	3549
	Turner	69	37	51	-2	0.01	1	28.69	+5.25	76	2066	-271	3789
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	65	31	49	+3	0.90	2	21.76	-1.74	70	1745	+83	3379
	Bradford_2	65	27	47	-5	0.35	2	30.97	+6.20	64	1769	-291	3444
	Colebrook	67	29	46	0	1.10	3	27.63	+3.39	95	1532	+17	3081
	Concord	72	30	51	+2	0.16	2	23.00	+2.44	66	2353	+187	4094
	East_Milford	73	31	50	-2	0.30	3	20.62	-3.42	66	2350	+28	4114
	Epping	74	33	52	+2	0.18	2	21.10	-2.55	71	2337	+135	4097
	Fitzwilliam	70	34	51	+3	0.37	2	28.83	+4.67	64	1825	+5	3501
	Greenville	69	34	50	+2	0.10	3	22.20	-1.84	58	2041	+221	3767
	Jefferson	64	32	48	+1	0.79	2	23.41	-0.32	73	1775	+45	3407
	Keene_AG	71	32	50	+1	0.36	2	31.03	+7.73	71	2184	+98	3925
	Lakeport_2	71	32	53	+2	0.50	2	23.76	+0.67	65	2416	+147	4169
	Lebanon	71	32	52	+3	0.56	1	21.72	+0.93	73	2372	+351	4116
	North_Conway	66	34	49	0	0.62	2	23.33	-2.19	87	1904	-94	3602
	Tamworth_4	67	27	47	+2	0.46	1	23.25	-4.64	72	1657	+94	3277
Vermont	Bennington_AP	69	29	52	+5	0.20	2	20.17	-8.12	75	2293	+629	4049
	Burlington_Intl	70	38	54	+5	0.20	3	22.35	-0.33	82	2700	+464	4473
	Corinth	65	30	45	-3	0.64	1	21.02	-0.12	64	1597	-199	3158
	Island_Pond	66	27	47	+3	0.86	4	27.28	+2.05	93	1693	+228	3280
	Johnson_2N	66	32	47	+2	0.45	3	27.24	+2.45	78	1708	+54	3313
	Marlboro_Raws	70	31	49	+4	0.28	1	31.84	+8.75	73	1787	+174	3437
	Montpelier_AP	67	30	49	+1	0.59	4	22.36	+1.22	82	1899	+103	3545
	Newport_AG	67	34	49	-1	0.68	4	29.76	+5.75	88	1895	-163	3510
	Rochester	68	32	49	+1	0.48	2	24.90	-2.21	84	2021	+273	3711
	Rutland_AG	68	30	49	-3	0.36	1	21.15	-3.00	71	2022	-113	3703
	Springfield_VT	69	32	50	+3	0.41	1	26.45	+0.81	69	2200	+310	3923
	South_Lincoln	63	28	46	+1	0.28	2	25.09	-3.58	73	1611	+178	3195
	Sutton	64	31	46	+2	0.93	3	24.20	-1.03	88	1720	+255	3302
	Walden	63	29	43	-2	0.98	3	21.79	-3.44	85	1321	-144	2784

	Woodstock	71	29	50	+3	0.48	2	25.24	+1.91	70	2124	+211	3813
Massachusetts	Amherst	74	34	52	+1	0.43	2	26.71	+1.29	73	2487	+125	4274
	Barre_Falls_Dam	70	30	50	+2	0.63	3	25.70	+0.09	77	2009	+195	3711
	Bedford_Hanscom	73	30	53	+1	0.22	2	20.15	-3.98	64	2539	+111	4312
	Beverly_Ag	73	36	53	-3	0.20	1	19.38	-3.33	60	2566	-65	4313
	Birch_Hill_Dam	70	31	50	+2	0.34	2	29.36	+4.84	69	2175	+334	3898
	Boston_Logan_In	73	43	58	+2	0.33	2	17.83	-3.57	62	2945	+146	4783
	Chatham_AP	70	41	57	+2	1.02	4	18.91	-4.46	69	2480	+399	4278
	Chicopee_Westov	73	30	53	+2	0.45	2	28.89	+3.47	72	2626	+264	4427
	Edgartown	72	40	56	-1	0.61	4	15.72	-7.60	62	2593	+205	4418
	East_Brimfield_	71	35	52	+2	0.22	2	20.98	-3.78	82	2279	+120	4049
	Fitchburg	73	36	54	+2	0.23	2	19.09	-6.95	70	2847	+386	4658
	Greenfield	72	35	52	0	0.65	2	31.77	+6.35	75	2247	-115	4028
	Hyannis_AP	73	38	57	+3	0.60	4	19.36	-1.92	58	2584	+277	4397
	Maynard	71	35	53	0	0.21	1	23.84	-0.29	76	2587	+159	4386
	New_Bedford	73	36	55	-3	0.72	4	23.18	-2.25	62	2594	-246	4414
	Newburyport	75	34	54	+2	0.25	3	21.03	-3.32	66	2476	+19	4254
	North_Adams_Har	69	32	52	+5	0.28	2	20.64	-7.70	69	2331	+559	4095
	Norwood	75	27	51	-3	0.35	2	15.40	-8.50	55	2541	-5	4331
	Pittsfield	67	31	51	+3	0.54	3	27.99	+0.57	71	2112	+124	3854
	Plymouth	74	34	54	-2	0.46	4	20.48	-5.14	62	2555	+8	4345
	Tauton_4NW	76	35	54	0	0.39	4	16.95	-7.72	65	2774	+273	4593
	Westfield_Barne	74	32	54	+5	0.26	2	27.14	+1.18	68	2837	+810	4666
	West_Otis	70	34	52	+3	0.39	2	24.76	-4.86	79	2289	+356	4000
	Worcester	69	40	53	+1	0.16	3	26.70	+0.06	72	2408	+204	4184
	Worthington	69	30	49	-2	0.60	3	31.10	+3.48	81	1906	+46	3611
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	72	43	57	0	0.53	4	18.53	-4.03	59	2622	+138	4449
	Providence	75	39	57	+2	0.40	3	18.20	-5.12	59	2923	+184	4779
	Westerly-Wester	72	35	54	-2	0.52	3	18.41	-6.58	54	2557	+23	4373
	Woonsocket	74	34	53	+1	0.32	3	18.73	-6.64	61	2711	+195	4538
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	74	44	59	+3	0.33	3	22.86	-1.18	62	3184	+294	5039
	Danbury_AP	71	34	54	+1	0.39	4	24.39	-4.60	75	2626	+28	4442
	Hartford_Bradle	75	34	56	+2	0.23	3	23.55	-1.87	77	3033	+244	4886
	Meriden-Meriden	73	33	53	-1	0.38	3	18.70	10.30	59	2812	+263	4639
	Norfolk	67	34	49	-1	0.56	4	30.93	+1.31	81	2112	+179	3847
	Norwich	73	38	55	+1	0.04	2	17.07	-9.81	54	2806	+89	4662
	Staffordville	70	34	51	-1	0.28	2	22.03	-4.81	64	2190	-35	3929
	Thomaston_Dam	71	34	52	+1	0.48	4	29.61	+1.59	88	2571	+300	4371
	West_Thompson_L	71	32	50	-2	0.44	3	21.48	-5.54	73	2268	+14	4032
	Willimantic	74	35	54	+4	0.34	3	19.41	-7.43	66	2748	+523	4580

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
Pulling plastic mulch off fields, sowing cover crop, and spreading manure. Some broadleaf tobacco being taken down. Third cutting grass silage being chopped or round baled.

WINDHAM, Dawn Pindell
Chopping corn, mowing hay, picking apples, harvesting grapes, and spreading rye. Light rain and cloudy weather for two days of Columbus Day Weekend may have deterred Pick-Your-Own apple and pumpkin sales. Fall colors were perfect for trips to country lanes and farms.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James
Most potato operations have finished harvest. A mostly uneventful harvest. Average to above average yields, good quality, and without freeze damage. There are still a few soybeans left to harvest.

CUMBERLAND, Sandy Truslow
Inland areas received a frost over the weekend. Coastal areas still are frost free. Manure is being spread on fields. Apple harvest is continuing. It has been a dry fall.

SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus
Good week for field work as corn silage harvest continues.

MASSACHUSETTS

NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Deb Cannon
Cranberry harvest continues in full swing. Most report good quality fruit.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

BELKNAP, Donna Juneau
The weather was generally dry with some light rain mid-week and light frost on Monday and Friday nights. Dairy producers have been out in the field chopping corn. In general, reports are that the field corn crop did not mature as well this year due to a cooler summer season.

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders
We've gotten a bit of rain, but conditions are still dry overall. Most folks have done their fall seeding in their greenhouses, and are putting up fall crops. Lots of variety available at the farmers' markets. A few light frosts; becoming more regular now.

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski
Cooler and sunny most of the week, with frost mid-week. Still some corn standing, but many farms all done chopping. A little bit of baleage harvested here and there. Veggies mostly done and apples winding down with late varieties.

COOS, Steve Turaj
Frosty mornings, fairly warm days. Corn silage harvest continues at a good pace, most in now.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt
For the week ending October 11th, Tuesday and Wednesday delivered drizzle and rain. Total rain was only about a half-inch. Cropping was generally not impeded on the well-drained soils. Caution was necessary on the poorly drained sites. Most of the corn in the county has been harvested. Some fields along the Ct. River are still standing. A few producers were letting the corn go a little longer since these sites had not been hit with frost and needed to dry down a bit more. Some producers are still chopping last minute grass for haylage. Vegetable producers are still stocking their stands with seasonal produce.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton
Fall harvest festivals had a beautiful Sunday! Some local-spot frost events occurred throughout the county during week. Fruit: Pick-Your-Own apple and farm stand operations had a rainy morning on Saturday, October 11th and wonderful Sunday, October 12th. Apple harvest is in full swing with most growers concentrating on strip picking Cortland and picking Macoun and later maturing varieties. Peach and pear harvest is completed. For fall raspberries, that haven't been killed by frost, harvest continues. Vegetables: Great weather and good demand for all vegetables continues. Farmers are harvesting wide array of vegetables including: cabbage, kale, Brussels Sprouts, winter squash and pumpkins, along with the tail end of warm season crops. Farmers kept busy disking, cleaning up, and planting cover crops on harvested fields. Field Crops: Silage corn harvest is in full swing. The second and third cuttings of hay and haylage continue between rain showers.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad
Salad greens, broccoli, winter squashes, onions, potatoes, apples, fall raspberries, pumpkins, and choice of herbs available. Columbus Day Holiday weekend saw a decent crowd at PYO apple operations, with a cloudy, wet and cold Saturday. Cleaning fields, applying lime, and getting rid of plastic. Haying and chopping corn. Autumn is here. Getting ready for winter markets.

RHODE ISLAND

NEWPORT, Paul E. Brule
We are getting spotty rain, but not a lot. Farmers are still harvesting and the fields that have been harvested are being seeded to rye and winter oats. Winter potatoes are still being harvested and they started storing them. Apple crop is good and some of the farmers are already finished and others are halfway

through the season. Most of the state has not had a frost yet, so there are still plenty of vegetables around. Squash crop, butternut, and Blue Hubbard are being picked and stored. Believe it or not, there is still a lot of sweet corn around. It was planted late and we haven't had a frost so it is still around. Mums, pumpkins, and corn stalks are doing a good business if the weather is nice. For example, it rained on Saturday and on Sunday and Monday the stands were packed as it was a nice day.

NEWPORT, Heather Faubert
Nice to get a bit more rain!

VERMONT

ADDISON, Jeffrey Carter
Corn harvest is very late, but nearly complete. Heavily frosted a few weeks ago and reports of black mold on leaves leading to respiratory problems with farmers and drop in milk yield from cows. No corn grain harvest yet; more than normal number of fields opened up and ready for grain combine. Soybeans harvest started, all fields dried down, yields very good. Cover crop plantings delayed; the rye planted to date is growing excellent with warm weather.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley
Frost on the Pumpkin this morning in Franklin County. Corn harvest is going exceptionally well with the great weather. The harvest moon has been telling its story this week, full and bright. Winter Rye cover crop on corn is showing up with great germination conditions. We are at squash and Pumpkin stage in the gardens with an abundance of both.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett
Last week was pretty quiet weather-wise. We had some showers and the temperatures stayed fairly warm during the day. We did have a couple of pretty cold nights. The corn harvest is well underway. Most corn is harvested for silage, but there are some acres for grain. The corn was slow to mature this fall possibly due to a cooler summer. Consequently, the corn harvest was delayed. Fortunately it has been a dry fall so the harvest is going well. Along with the corn harvest, other activities included fourth cut hay, manure spreading, fall tillage, and planting rye cover crops.

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