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Fair week for field work: New England averaged 3.5 days suitable for field work last week.

New England experienced seasonably cooler temperatures last week, with scattered precipitation throughout the region. Average weekly temperatures in the region ranged from three degrees below normal to six degrees above normal. Four percent of pasture was rated in very poor condition while 26 percent was poor, 35 percent was fair, 34 percent was good, and 1 percent was excellent. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.62 to 4.95 inches in the region. Field work was slowed or halted in areas that received heavier rainfall. Cranberry harvest continued in Massachusetts for many of the larger growers. However, most all other crops were winding down in the region. Farm stands and PYO operations were beginning to close for the winter season. Farmers continued to clean up fields, plant cover crops, spread manure, and put farm equipment away for the winter.

Crop Progress as of October 26th, 2014

Fruit Crops	Harvested
Apples	95%
Cranberries (MA)	75%
Field Crops	Harvested
Corn for silage	92%
Dry Hay	4 th Cutting
	87%

New England Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 26th, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	14%	77%	9%
Subsoil	0%	15%	76%	9%

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October 26, 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	63	37	47	+1	2.71	5	28.08	+3.15	83	2297	+122	4159
	Bangor_Intl_Air	61	35	47	+2	2.94	5	26.32	+3.69	81	2267	+237	4111
	Bethel	62	36	46	+2	3.08	6	34.83	+7.64	86	1936	+11	3729
	Bridgton	62	32	45	+3	2.48	6	29.14	+1.81	76	2039	+309	3837
	Caribou_Municip	51	27	42	+2	1.50	3	27.18	+4.15	93	1962	+480	3630
	Dover-Foxcroft	62	33	45	+5	2.41	5	28.32	+2.49	87	1899	+392	3624
	Durham	64	36	47	+2	2.48	5	33.25	+7.48	88	1982	-8	3811
	East_Surry	60	31	47	+2	3.60	5	28.51	+2.88	84	1832	-55	3640
	Eustis	56	32	41	+3	2.45	5	26.87	+2.80	83	1405	+255	2974
	Frenchville	48	26	39	-1	0.76	3	26.80	+3.19	96	1606	+246	3171
	Harmony	64	34	46	+4	2.70	5	31.15	+5.84	90	1880	+113	3648
	Houlton	54	24	43	+3	1.54	3	26.30	+3.23	86	1896	+380	3583
	Livermore_Falls	62	35	46	+4	3.10	5	33.42	+6.17	79	1917	+383	3677
	Machias	63	30	47	+4	3.45	5	33.58	+6.35	85	1620	+140	3328
	Millinocket_Wtr	54	30	42	0	2.89	5	28.35	+2.57	85	1763	-1	3419
	Moosehead	59	24	42	+2	3.00	6	29.29	+3.17	95	1580	+272	3215
	Portland_ME	66	35	50	+6	4.16	4	33.13	+8.39	72	2312	+373	4200
	Sanford	63	34	46	0	2.61	5	29.91	+3.15	55	2243	-7	4079
	Topsfield_2	52	34	43	+2	3.84	6	36.01	+9.75	81	1945	+250	3693
	Turner	64	35	46	-2	2.97	6	33.91	+8.63	85	2124	-228	3950
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	58	34	43	+2	3.25	6	26.10	+0.77	79	1794	+132	3514
	Bradford_2	61	32	45	-2	3.17	5	36.17	+9.45	71	1826	-246	3591
	Colebrook	58	30	42	+2	1.65	7	31.08	+5.31	106	1579	+64	3190
	Concord	66	34	48	+3	1.72	4	26.52	+4.42	72	2438	+263	4296
	East_Milford	65	33	48	+2	4.11	3	27.74	+1.89	71	2417	+78	4296
	Epping	66	33	48	+3	3.04	3	24.77	-0.70	76	2414	+195	4293
	Fitzwilliam	63	31	47	+3	2.61	3	32.98	+6.99	70	1894	+71	3681
	Greenville	60	30	46	+2	4.95	3	29.40	+3.53	63	2104	+281	3934
	Jefferson	54	34	42	+1	2.06	5	27.57	+2.34	79	1825	+95	3532
	Keene_AG	62	28	46	+2	2.59	5	34.43	+9.52	79	2244	+152	4090
	Lakeport_2	64	37	48	+3	2.03	5	27.35	+2.57	74	2480	+196	4356
	Lebanon	63	27	47	+3	1.25	3	23.82	+1.63	79	2450	+424	4310
	North_Conway	64	36	46	+3	2.09	6	27.06	-0.47	97	1954	-47	3755
	Tamworth_4	61	28	44	+3	1.97	6	27.05	-2.83	82	1702	+139	3406
Vermont	Bennington_AP	60	25	47	+4	1.68	4	23.10	-6.90	83	2383	+719	4249
	Burlington_Intl	59	34	46	+2	1.03	5	24.93	+0.87	90	2795	+550	4674
	Corinth	53	30	41	-3	1.70	6	24.46	+1.92	74	1639	-158	3265
	Island_Pond	58	29	43	+4	1.68	5	30.55	+3.78	102	1753	+288	3418
	Johnson_2N	58	30	41	0	1.62	7	30.33	+4.00	90	1762	+108	3437
	Marlboro_Raws	59	29	44	+3	3.33	4	36.99	12.47	80	1837	+224	3577
	Montpelier_AP	58	30	43	-1	1.43	6	25.09	+2.55	92	1961	+164	3690
	Newport_AG	59	32	42	-3	1.73	6	32.50	+6.95	98	1948	-118	3640
	Rochester	60	29	44	0	1.72	5	28.17	-0.77	93	2078	+328	3856
	Rutland_AG	58	26	43	-3	0.91	5	24.10	-1.45	79	2080	-68	3842
	Springfield_VT	62	27	46	+4	1.67	5	29.09	+1.63	77	2263	+373	4095
	South_Lincoln	59	29	43	+3	1.51	5	28.12	-2.56	82	1669	+236	3334
	Sutton	57	30	41	+2	1.48	6	27.62	+0.85	98	1764	+299	3412
	Walden	55	28	38	-2	1.35	6	24.64	-2.13	95	1358	-107	2875

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	Woodstock	62	27	44	+2	1.00	4	27.60	+2.55	77	2182	+269	3959
Massachusetts	Amherst	64	31	48	+2	2.78	5	30.09	+2.92	81	2560	+183	4463
	Barre_Falls_Dam	63	28	46	+3	3.09	3	31.97	+4.45	85	2056	+238	3856
	Bedford_Hanscom	65	32	50	+3	2.89	3	23.54	-2.47	70	2638	+185	4537
	Beverly_Ag	65	37	50	-2	4.79	4	25.54	+0.91	65	2667	-13	4544
	Birch_Hill_Dam	61	29	45	+2	3.12	3	34.08	+7.75	75	2236	+394	4055
	Boston_Logan_In	64	39	53	+2	3.17	3	21.63	-1.47	67	3061	+210	5036
	Chatham_AP	63	37	53	+3	0.66	4	20.40	-4.79	75	2591	+463	4523
	Chicopee_Westov	66	30	50	+4	1.79	3	31.75	+4.58	78	2726	+349	4649
	Edgartown	66	34	54	+4	0.62	2	17.73	-7.41	66	2711	+273	4678
	East_Brimfield_	64	31	48	+2	1.40	4	24.89	-1.77	89	2354	+181	4241
	Fitchburg	66	33	51	+4	3.07	3	23.00	-5.00	76	2948	+463	4890
	Greenfield	63	30	47	+1	2.80	4	35.56	+8.39	83	2314	-63	4210
	Hyannis_AP	65	38	54	+5	1.40	3	21.48	-1.62	62	2719	+374	4668
	Maynard	68	30	49	+2	2.94	3	28.25	+2.24	83	2674	+221	4602
	New_Bedford	66	31	53	+1	1.51	2	25.89	-1.37	65	2715	-182	4665
	Newburyport	68	37	50	+3	3.56	4	25.70	-0.61	73	2563	+79	4474
	North_Adams_Har	61	28	47	+4	2.28	4	24.64	-5.66	76	2412	+638	4285
	Norwood	65	29	51	+3	4.59	3	21.04	-4.68	61	2649	+73	4565
	Pittsfield	59	30	46	+2	2.18	5	31.28	+2.04	80	2178	+184	4028
	Plymouth	65	32	52	+2	2.57	4	24.11	-3.40	68	2680	+89	4596
	Taunton_4NW	67	32	50	+1	4.88	4	22.83	-3.80	72	2873	+341	4818
	Westfield_Barne	66	30	51	+6	1.64	2	29.89	+2.09	73	2938	+901	4896
	West_Otis	63	31	47	+3	1.99	4	28.34	-3.25	86	2361	+420	4188
	Worcester	62	29	48	+1	2.10	4	31.70	+2.96	79	2489	+264	4384
	Worthington	60	29	45	0	2.59	6	36.46	+6.97	91	1948	+80	3755
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	68	39	55	+3	0.83	3	19.91	-4.36	64	2762	+214	4728
	Providence	66	34	53	+3	1.28	4	20.19	-4.82	64	3047	+263	5038
	Westerly-Wester	66	31	52	+2	1.09	4	20.11	-6.69	61	2666	+87	4612
	Woonsocket	66	31	51	+3	1.96	2	21.94	-5.38	65	2803	+262	4760
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	67	37	54	+3	0.72	4	24.74	-0.89	69	3322	+371	5314
	Danbury_AP	65	30	50	+2	0.82	5	26.88	-3.93	83	2722	+93	4663
	Hartford_Bradle	68	33	52	+4	0.80	4	25.41	-1.76	84	3152	+324	5139
	Meriden-Meriden	69	29	50	+2	0.94	5	20.84	10.16	67	2904	+319	4857
	Norfolk	57	33	45	+1	1.59	5	34.39	+2.80	90	2173	+232	4012
	Norwich	69	34	51	+2	1.20	4	20.55	-8.40	62	2911	+155	4897
	Staffordville	66	29	47	0	1.10	4	25.43	-3.42	73	2259	+17	4105
	Thomaston_Dam	66	30	49	+3	1.35	5	33.30	+3.32	97	2650	+360	4570
	West_Thompson_L	67	28	47	+1	1.07	3	24.72	-4.32	79	2339	+68	4213
	Willimantic	68	30	51	+5	0.86	4	22.70	-6.15	73	2858	+616	4817

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

A soggy week with better than one inch in most of the area. Corn silage harvest is complete and grain corn moisture is on the high side. Summer farmers' markets are about done for the season and in a few weeks the winter markets will open.

LITCHFIELD, Richard Meinert

Some late planted corn is all that remains left to cut for silage. Soybeans are drying down nicely. Frost has been extremely spotty; hardly any field crops have been nipped yet. This is the growing season that just doesn't seem to want to end.

WINDHAM, Dawn Pindell

Mowing hay, baling and chopping for grass silage, and corn chopping continues. Not much activity on grain corn - it is still standing in the fields. With recent rains the cover crop is a vibrant green and growing well. Pumpkin sales with prices of 45 cents per lb. to \$5.00 for all pumpkins at farm stands and backyard stands. Good weather this past weekend for outdoor activities and cropping. Light rains brought a double rainbow cascading across the autumn landscape on Sunday afternoon.

MAINE

CUMBERLAND, Sandy Truslow

Rainy weather stopped all field activities last week. Some areas still have not seen a frost yet. This will be a record for the latest frost in the Portland area. Unfortunately, frost should be arriving later this week. Overall, a good to average year for crops.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Lots of rain replenished ground water supplies for winter. Corn is ready for grain harvest. Soybeans are not drying out well.

SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus

Warm and dry week, turning wet and cooler towards the end of the week; halted some field work.

MASSACHUSETTS

NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Deb Cannon

Cranberry harvest continues with many smaller growers complete, but larger growers with substantial acres remaining to harvest. Last week's storm brought additional needed rain to recharge the local water supplies.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, Steve Turaj

Corn harvesting finishing, and manure spreading on hay land.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending October 25th, rain showers were persistent 5 out of 7 days. Reports of rainfall varied from as little as 1.2 inches to well over 2 inches in other areas of the county. Soils are generally returning to a fully saturated condition. Producers are finishing up corn harvest. Most of the corn for silage has been harvested. Producers are capping their bunks and many are still trying to harvest the last of their haylage. Most apple producers have finished picking. Vegetable growers are winding down, but a number are still offering quite a variety of produce on their stands. Pumpkin growers should be nearly done harvesting this year's crop.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Orchardists busy marketing crop. Harvesting Rome, Fuji, and Golden Delicious apples. Many orchardists are flail mowing apple drops under trees. Vegetables: Farmers are cleaning up fields, picking up plastic mulch, drip tape, and trellis stakes, seeding cover crops on harvested fields, draining and putting away irrigation equipment, and soil testing fields for next season. Cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Field crops: Silage corn chopping is finished. Soil testing fields for next season and cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Seeding cover crops on harvested fields. Some manure spreading and incorporating in soil is taking place.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Harvesting salad greens, radishes, and leeks. Apples, winter squashes, and pumpkins available at farm stands. Bringing rutabagas, celeriac, and carrots into root cellars for winter storage. Most of the apple PYO operations now closed for the season. Corn chopping was winding down. Cleaning fields, removing plastic, and liming. Torrential rain and gusty wind Wednesday evening into Thursday. End of the week warmer and sunny on Saturday. Some fields are very wet.

SULLIVAN, Kelly Greenbacker

Heavy rain through the middle of the week set back field activities. Ponding and minor flooding was visible in some fields. No damage has been reported. Farmers are still harvesting the last of the corn silage.

RHODE ISLAND

NEWPORT, Paul E. Brule

Farm stand activity was slow this past weekend, maybe because the weather got a lot cooler. Half of the state has not had a frost yet or a freeze. Silage corn and potatoes are just kind of wrapping up. They are harrowing and seeding rye in the fields. Cleaning up machinery to be put away for the winter. With Halloween coming this Friday, a lot of the stands will be closing up for the winter.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Rainy week in Franklin County has kept field activity at bay. Rain was much needed; headed into the freeze-up season. Silage corn is pretty well in and what grain corn and soybeans there are to be harvested are at a standstill due to wet weather. This week will be the finale on pumpkin sales. Still plenty to be had, so carve away and be sure to watch for the great pumpkin.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

It rained every day last week making the corn harvest very difficult. Most all corn for silage has been harvested. Corn for grain harvest is underway. There is not a lot of corn grown for grain in the county. Hay harvest is done for the year. The fields are far too wet now with all of the rain we have had. On a positive note, there was no flooding reported. The only other farm-related activity was some manure spreading.

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