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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**This will be the last publication for the 2014 crop year. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and good luck next spring!**

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

Temperatures in New England continued to drop as winter approaches. Average weekly temperatures in the region ranged from five degrees below normal to five degrees above normal. Thirty-five percent of pasture was rated in poor condition while 41 percent was fair, 22 percent was good, and 2 percent was excellent. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.13 to 2.83 inches in the region. The harvesting of most crops was coming to an end throughout the region. In Massachusetts, the cranberry harvest was nearly finished, with this year's crop being larger than the 2013 crop and having better than predicted quality. Some farmers' markets were being transitioned from outside to indoor locations for the winter. Farmers continued to clean up fields, soil test fields for next season, spread lime and manure on fields, put equipment away for the winter, and plan for next season.

## Crop Progress as of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Fruit Crops	Harvested
Cranberries (MA)	95%
Field Crops	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting
Dry Hay	94%

## New England Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	8%	81%	11%
Subsoil	0%	8%	77%	15%

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### November 9, 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	59	30	39	-3	0.24	2	28.67	+1.92	90	2297	+122	4214
	Bangor_Intl_Air	53	17	36	-5	1.22	5	28.02	+3.71	90	2267	+237	4156
	Bethel	59	29	39	-1	0.34	1	35.50	+6.31	90	1936	+11	3770
	Bridgton	59	26	38	-1	0.38	1	29.77	+0.34	79	2039	+309	3873
	Caribou_Municip	50	22	34	-2	1.70	5	29.12	+4.69	102	1962	+480	3653
	Dover-Foxcroft	55	24	35	-2	0.86	3	29.54	+1.93	93	1899	+392	3650
	Durham	61	28	39	-3	0.69	2	34.29	+6.36	94	1982	-8	3860
	East_Surry	56	26	38	-4	0.68	3	30.98	+3.22	93	1835	-52	3683
	Eustis	51	23	35	+1	0.77	3	27.90	+2.31	89	1405	+255	2995
	Frenchville	47	22	32	-3	1.05	5	28.11	+3.12	104	1606	+246	3181
	Harmony	58	24	37	-2	0.81	3	32.31	+5.18	96	1880	+113	3681
	Houlton	48	17	33	-3	1.71	4	28.33	+3.62	93	1896	+380	3613
	Livermore_Falls	60	25	38	0	0.39	2	34.23	+5.02	85	1919	+385	3713
	Machias	60	20	37	-4	2.23	3	36.80	+7.34	93	1620	+140	3366
	Millinocket_Wtr	47	22	33	-5	1.24	4	30.03	+2.54	94	1763	-1	3437
	Moosehead	53	24	35	-1	0.47	3	29.99	+2.22	101	1580	+272	3236
	Portland_ME	66	29	44	+3	0.65	2	34.16	+7.22	77	2325	+386	4294
	Sanford	62	28	40	-3	0.35	1	30.93	+1.98	56	2243	-7	4133
	Topsfield_2	51	24	34	-5	2.83	3	39.67	11.45	87	1945	+250	3727
	Turner	58	28	39	-4	0.38	2	34.75	+7.51	91	2124	-228	3995
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	56	28	38	-1	0.26	1	26.93	-0.22	85	1794	+132	3548
	Bradford_2	57	28	39	-3	0.36	1	36.97	+8.29	75	1826	-246	3630
	Colebrook	53	24	36	0	0.81	3	32.03	+4.65	113	1579	+64	3210
	Concord	62	25	41	0	0.27	1	27.09	+3.31	76	2445	+270	4352
	East_Milford	63	29	43	0	0.34	1	28.51	+0.72	74	2417	+78	4363
	Epping	63	28	42	-1	0.39	3	25.65	-1.75	81	2415	+196	4353
	Fitzwilliam	60	29	41	+2	0.36	2	33.68	+5.73	74	1898	+75	3746
	Greenville	60	28	41	+2	0.41	1	30.27	+2.44	66	2108	+285	3999
	Jefferson	54	25	36	-2	0.24	2	28.04	+1.20	84	1825	+95	3558
	Keene_AG	60	26	39	-2	0.24	2	34.89	+8.30	83	2246	+154	4141
	Lakeport_2	58	31	42	+1	0.29	1	27.96	+1.37	77	2481	+197	4425
	Lebanon	59	26	40	+1	0.39	2	24.59	+0.89	85	2452	+426	4363
	North_Conway	60	29	39	-2	0.36	2	27.71	-1.92	103	1954	-47	3786
	Tamworth_4	58	25	37	-2	0.36	1	27.52	-4.46	85	1703	+140	3432
Vermont	Bennington_AP	64	24	43	+5	0.28	2	23.50	-8.32	88	2408	+744	4335
	Burlington_Intl	62	31	44	+4	0.54	4	25.87	+0.37	98	2815	+570	4764
	Corinth	52	24	35	-4	0.48	2	25.18	+1.17	80	1639	-158	3285
	Island_Pond	53	25	37	+2	0.50	3	31.24	+2.84	111	1753	+288	3449
	Johnson_2N	55	25	37	0	0.53	3	31.35	+3.35	97	1762	+108	3468
	Marlboro_Raws	56	27	40	+3	0.22	2	37.34	11.28	84	1837	+224	3623
	Montpelier_AP	59	27	40	+2	0.50	2	25.85	+1.84	98	1966	+169	3738
	Newport_AG	54	27	37	-3	0.43	3	33.24	+6.09	105	1948	-118	3673
	Rochester	56	27	39	-1	0.41	2	28.89	-1.99	99	2078	+328	3899
	Rutland_AG	59	25	39	-3	0.48	3	25.01	-1.96	87	2084	-64	3892
	Springfield_VT	58	27	41	+3	0.34	1	29.51	+0.18	80	2266	+376	4149
	South_Lincoln	58	24	36	-1	0.51	2	28.50	-4.14	86	1669	+236	3368
	Sutton	55	23	36	+1	0.53	3	28.32	-0.08	104	1763	+298	3432
	Walden	56	19	32	-4	0.37	2	25.24	-3.16	103	1358	-107	2892

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	Woodstock	57	26	39	0	0.80	2	28.56	+1.83	83	2177	+264	3994
Massachusetts	Amherst	65	30	44	+2	0.31	1	30.60	+1.61	84	2565	+188	4536
	Barre_Falls_Dam	60	25	39	-2	0.27	1	32.57	+3.15	88	2057	+239	3907
	Bedford_Hanscom	62	28	43	-1	0.54	2	24.62	-3.40	74	2650	+195	4624
	Beverly_Ag	64	31	44	-5	0.58	2	27.27	+0.57	68	2677	-24	4640
	Birch_Hill_Dam	60	26	39	-2	0.34	1	34.72	+6.44	78	2237	+395	4107
	Boston_Logan_In	66	35	47	-1	0.89	2	23.14	-1.78	71	3097	+224	5175
	Chatham_AP	60	34	47	-2	2.12	3	23.61	-3.36	80	2624	+475	4663
	Chicopee_Westov	66	24	44	+3	0.28	1	32.31	+3.32	82	2741	+364	4743
	Edgartown	64	34	48	-1	0.83	2	20.18	-6.80	72	2760	+300	4835
	East_Brimfield_	62	28	43	0	0.30	1	25.66	-2.98	91	2361	+188	4316
	Fitchburg	65	29	45	+2	0.38	1	23.71	-6.37	79	2970	+484	5004
	Greenfield	63	27	42	0	0.22	1	35.88	+6.89	86	2304	-73	4266
	Hyannis_AP	65	34	48	+2	1.92	3	24.40	-0.52	67	2767	+410	4824
	Maynard	67	29	43	-1	0.50	2	29.35	+1.33	87	2691	+236	4700
	New_Bedford	64	32	46	-2	0.85	2	27.41	-1.88	69	2752	-167	4798
	Newburyport	65	31	44	-1	0.89	2	27.10	-1.27	77	2569	+83	4562
	North_Adams_Har	64	31	43	+4	0.23	2	25.08	-7.30	81	2426	+652	4362
	Norwood	69	28	45	0	0.72	2	22.57	-5.09	65	2673	+93	4673
	Pittsfield	61	28	42	+2	0.34	2	31.92	+0.77	86	2188	+194	4088
	Plymouth	66	29	45	-3	1.00	2	26.16	-3.43	72	2715	+105	4724
	Taunton_4NW	68	31	45	-1	0.95	2	24.39	-4.23	76	2893	+354	4929
	Westfield_Barne	67	32	46	+5	0.21	1	30.36	+0.60	77	2954	+917	4999
	West_Otis	64	30	43	+3	0.25	1	28.87	-4.85	89	2370	+429	4265
	Worcester	61	29	43	+1	0.34	1	32.52	+1.66	82	2508	+283	4478
	Worthington	61	25	40	-2	0.35	2	37.00	+5.47	97	1948	+80	3800
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	65	36	50	+2	0.78	3	20.98	-5.26	69	2815	+239	4896
	Providence	68	31	47	+1	0.56	2	20.99	-5.95	68	3088	+288	5178
	Westerly-Wester	62	33	46	-1	0.61	3	20.89	-7.94	66	2687	+92	4735
	Woonsocket	68	29	45	+2	0.53	2	22.93	-6.52	70	2830	+286	4880
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	66	31	49	+2	0.42	3	25.72	-1.59	75	3370	+394	5476
	Danbury_AP	67	25	46	+2	0.27	2	27.35	-5.46	88	2748	+116	4785
	Hartford_Bradle	67	30	47	+3	0.26	1	26.05	-2.99	88	3186	+351	5272
	Meriden-Meriden	66	25	44	0	0.20	1	21.37	11.74	71	2920	+331	4961
	Norfolk	63	29	42	+2	0.13	1	34.73	+1.01	94	2186	+245	4078
	Norwich	67	32	47	+3	0.21	1	20.52	10.65	65	2938	+176	5025
	Staffordville	62	26	41	-3	0.28	1	26.29	-4.74	77	2264	+22	4177
	Thomaston_Dam	66	28	44	+3	0.28	2	34.01	+1.99	102	2662	+372	4666
	West_Thompson_L	65	28	43	-1	0.47	1	25.60	-5.61	82	2343	+72	4291
	Willimantic	67	31	45	+3	0.28	2	23.41	-7.62	78	2880	+638	4929

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

Washing hay machinery and putting it away for the winter. Some corn now being combined for grain.

WINDHAM, Dawn Pindell

Conditions continue to be dry. Half-inch of rain and windy one day this week. Ponds are low. Grain corn still standing, with some loss from winds and wildlife.

### MAINE

AROOSTOOK, Larry James

A few operations waiting patiently for the snow to recede so they can finish their soybeans. The rest are at the hunting camp. So far the potato crop has been storing without problems.

CUMBERLAND, Sandy Truslow

Grain corn is still being harvested. Most other harvesting has been completed. Spreading manure on fields.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

The growing season has ended. Grain corn and soybeans are still left to be harvested. Livestock producers are trying to unload their manure storage structures for the winter.

PISCATAQUIS, Donna Coffin

Strawberry growers are finishing their mulching. Animals are being brought into the barns for the winter. Christmas trees are being harvested.

### MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, Heather Baylis

A few flakes of snow in the highest elevations is heralding the coming season. Farmers are working on preparations for winter and placing orders for the spring planting. Nights have still been warmer than normal, evidenced by trees still retaining their leaves this late into the fall. The percentage of cool nights is increasing and morning ice in water buckets is becoming more common.

NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Deb Cannon

Cranberry harvest is near completion with most growers finished. The few remaining will likely be complete by the end of this week. Overall, the crop was larger than 2013 with better than predicted quality.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders

Temperatures are now dipping below freezing at night regularly. Our farmers' markets have transitioned from outside locations to

their indoor homes. Orchards are fairly well cleaned up, crops are being put away for storage, and many are planning for next season. Good fall for healthy cover crop establishment.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Snow on the hill tops, Christmas trees heading south, last crop report for the year.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending November 8<sup>th</sup>, soil conditions remained unchanged from the prior week. Temperature conditions were cool, with light shower activity toward the end of the week. Farmers continue to harvest haylage, as conditions allow.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Vegetables: Farmers are cleaning up fields, picking up plastic mulch, drip tape, trellis stakes and irrigation equipment. Farmers are soil testing fields for next season, spreading lime on fields, and cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Field Crops: Farmers are spreading manure and lime on fields, soil testing fields for next season, and cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Fruit: Orchardists busy marketing crop. Orchardists are spreading bait to control voles. They are also picking unused bins in orchard, repairing broken bins, and performing general cleaning and putting away farm equipment.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Harvesting cabbage, carrots, beets, radishes, turnips, leeks, Brussels sprouts and greens. Apples, winter squashes, meat and eggs available at farm stands. Cleaning fields, removing plastic, spreading lime, cleaning and storing equipment. Most of the week sunny with some rain. Cold nights and frost in some areas. Some farmers are getting ready for the winter farmers' markets as well as for the Community Supported Agriculture's winter shares.

### RHODE ISLAND

No reporter comments available.

### VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Still some hay harvest in Franklin County this week. Very wet ground, however, nice feed in wrapped round bales. Pastures are still in use here and there, with very little growth and are on the wet side. We now have plenty of moisture for wells to hold through the winter.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

The cropping season is all but over now here. We had a light coating of snow late last week. We also did not see much sun. For field work, there was some manure application and the last of the corn harvest. Any corn left is being harvested for grain.

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