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Good week for field work: New England averaged 5.5 days suitable for field work last week.

Winter temperatures began settling into the New England region, with average weekly temperatures ranging from nine degrees below normal to four degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation was minimal, ranging from 0.00 to 0.58 inches. The harvesting started to wind down for most crops as the cold temperatures settled in throughout the region. Potatoes were reported with a strong yield and quality. Winter markets were getting ready with a current bounty of apples, pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, greens, onions, and carrots among others with orchards open for Pick-Your-Own (PYO) against a backdrop of robust, fall color. The apple crop has been very strong for the year. In Massachusetts, the cranberry harvest has been fruitful with strong deliveries reported. Farmers continued cleaning up fields, picking up plastic, spreading manure and lime, testing soils for the next season, and getting ready for the winter before the first snowfall arrives.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 25, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	17	73	10
SUBSOIL	0	21	70	9

Crop Conditions as of October 25, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	2	15	47	35	1
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	2	7	25	36	30

Crop Progress as of October 25, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week
APPLES: HARVESTED	96
CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED	97
CRANBERRIES (MA): HARVESTED	70
DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING	87
FALL TILLAGE: SINGLE	70
PEARS: HARVESTED	90
POTATOES: HARVESTED	99

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October 25, 2015 New England Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		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	26	43	-4	0.12	4	27.53	+2.74	82	2391	+216	4222
	Bangor_Intl_Air	62	25	42	-4	0.07	4	19.92	-2.59	87	2255	+225	4033
	Bethel	65	24	41	-5	0.16	3	27.46	+0.41	76	2081	+156	3837
	Bridgton	64	24	41	-3	0.14	4	29.62	+2.44	72	2049	+319	3820
	Caribou_Municip	54	21	37	-4	0.22	4	21.58	-1.35	95	1945	+463	3604
	Dover-Foxcroft	61	23	38	-4	0.16	4	32.43	+6.72	99	1995	+488	3672
	Durham	65	25	43	-4	0.33	5	25.62	-0.01	87	2168	+178	3974
	East_Surry	58	23	42	-4	0.27	3	23.68	-1.81	80	1888	+1	3621
	Eustis	56	20	35	-5	0.03	2	22.76	-1.21	80	1551	+401	3088
	Frenchville	50	22	36	-5	0.26	3	21.36	-2.15	90	1666	+306	3255
	Harmony	66	22	40	-4	0.58	4	29.80	+4.62	95	2079	+312	3821
	Houlton	57	21	38	-4	0.03	3	27.24	+4.28	86	1914	+398	3566
	Livermore_Falls	66	17	39	-5	0.19	3	28.67	+1.55	79	2010	+476	3732
	Machias	57	26	40	-5	0.05	1	27.07	-0.01	82	1908	+428	3557
	Millinocket_Wtr	55	22	36	-7	0.12	1	30.55	+4.89	82	1842	+78	3460
	Moosehead	57	20	36	-5	0.28	2	27.29	+1.28	91	1812	+504	3447
	Portland_ME	66	23	47	+2	0.29	3	25.21	+0.62	66	2530	+591	4424
	Rangeley_2NW	56	17	36	-5	0.17	3	25.66	+0.73	94	1477	+175	2978
	Sanford	67	23	43	-5	0.18	2	22.77	-3.84	49	2446	+196	4252
	Topsfield_2	57	23	38	-5	0.04	1	29.57	+3.44	84	1991	+296	3664
	Turner	64	24	42	-6	0.21	4	28.10	+2.96	80	2292	-60	4087
	Wesley_2W	58	22	37	-7	0.00	0	31.60	+7.67	65	2054	+339	3739
	West_Rockport	59	25	41	-6	0.13	3	27.24	+0.11	83	2226	+404	4000
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	64	20	40	-4	0.13	3	25.04	-0.16	87	1888	+226	3591
	Bradford_2	69	19	41	-6	0.44	3	23.95	-2.63	64	2084	+12	3837
	Colebrook	62	16	36	-5	0.24	5	31.68	+6.02	116	1602	+87	3190
	Concord	69	19	46	0	0.42	3	22.44	+0.45	67	2803	+628	4675
	East_Milford	73	21	43	-5	0.22	2	22.42	-3.30	58	2632	+293	4501
	Epping	71	24	44	-3	0.39	4	19.93	-5.41	67	2607	+388	4456
	Errol_AP	62	19	38	-3	0.19	3	28.18	+4.27	93	1728	+364	3317
	Fitzwilliam	69	21	44	-1	0.19	2	24.97	-0.88	83	2601	+778	4458
	Greenville	70	24	43	-3	0.03	1	27.73	+1.88	53	2321	+498	4135
	Hancock	68	19	44	-2	0.22	3	33.14	+6.24	84	2284	+279	4075
	Jefferson	64	23	40	-4	0.16	3	33.22	+8.10	104	1966	+236	3674
	Keene_AG	68	18	42	-4	0.27	3	28.35	+3.56	69	2503	+411	4333
	Lakeport_2	65	27	44	-3	0.37	4	24.17	-0.48	68	2502	+218	4347
	Lebanon	65	20	46	+2	0.17	3	22.02	-0.07	72	2661	+635	4517
	North_Conway	66	22	42	-3	0.14	4	26.81	-0.57	84	2099	+98	3867
	Tamworth_4	61	18	38	-5	0.26	3	30.46	+0.73	81	1865	+302	3566
	Wolfeburro	62	30	45	-3	0.32	4	24.12	-0.53	71	2534	+250	4384
Vermont	Bennington_AP	69	17	45	+3	0.48	4	18.39	-11.49	72	2573	+909	4456
	Burlington_Intl	70	22	46	+2	0.30	3	27.11	+3.15	87	2975	+730	4858
	Corinth	61	16	38	-6	0.44	5	31.41	+8.97	86	1796	-1	3447
	Island_Pond	61	16	38	-3	0.28	3	30.30	+3.64	107	1855	+390	3484
	Johnson_2N	67	17	39	-3	0.33	6	29.83	+3.61	96	1860	+206	3561
	Marlboro_Raws	69	21	42	0	0.26	3	26.27	+1.86	73	2302	+689	4110
	Montpelier_AP	65	17	42	-2	0.33	4	28.41	+5.97	98	2155	+358	3892
	Newport_AG	63	19	37	-9	0.33	3	30.84	+5.40	96	2046	-20	3718

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	Rochester	69	19	41	-4	0.40	3	28.06	-0.74	79	2234	+484	4021
	Rutland_AG	66	20	42	-4	0.25	4	23.96	-1.49	88	2241	+93	4032
	Springfield_VT	65	21	45	+2	0.17	4	21.31	-6.02	76	2523	+633	4363
	South_Lincoln	66	16	40	-2	0.50	4	29.37	-1.17	81	1804	+371	3461
	Sutton	61	18	38	-3	0.30	4	31.23	+4.57	110	1872	+407	3538
	Walden	59	10	34	-6	0.26	5	30.76	+4.10	107	1509	+44	3045
	Woodstock	66	20	42	-2	0.25	3	26.98	+2.05	70	2360	+447	4148
Massachusetts	Amherst	71	18	44	-3	0.24	3	9.37	-3.87	22	1276	-1101	2218
	Barre_Falls_Dam	72	17	44	-2	0.11	1	8.72	-3.60	25	938	-880	1797
	Bedford_Hanscom	74	23	47	-2	0.08	2	5.19	-6.67	22	1199	-1253	2085
	Beverly_Ag	70	26	46	-7	0.16	4	4.88	-7.07	20	766	-1912	1376
	Birch_Hill_Dam	68	19	43	-2	0.15	2	8.30	-3.19	20	999	-843	1867
	Boston_Logan_In	73	31	51	-2	0.08	2	5.14	-5.46	21	1368	-1481	2277
	Chatham_AP	64	37	52	0	0.02	1	9.26	-2.73	22	1132	-994	2043
	Chicopee_Westov	73	16	47	0	0.13	1	4.83	-7.63	18	1217	-1160	2111
	Edgartown	69	34	52	0	0.00	0	11.25	+0.02	16	921	-1515	1534
	East_Brimfield_	71	22	45	-2	0.10	1	6.95	-5.33	21	1110	-1063	2005
	Fitchburg	75	21	47	-2	0.07	2	5.91	-6.72	22	1336	-1148	2230
	Greenfield	70	22	44	-4	0.21	3	10.88	-3.27	31	1386	-991	2412
	Hyannis_AP	67	34	52	+3	0.00	0	8.31	-2.31	17	1185	-1158	2099
	Maynard	71	22	46	-3	0.15	1	8.75	-2.35	23	830	-1622	1431
	New_Bedford	70	27	51	-2	0.00	0	10.72	-1.19	17	1192	-1702	2104
	Newburyport	73	28	46	-4	0.12	2	5.02	-7.23	17	1069	-1414	1952
	North_Adams_Har	71	18	46	+2	0.37	4	8.79	-4.90	27	1071	-703	1945
	Norwood	74	17	47	-3	0.00	0	3.68	-7.69	19	1141	-1434	2025
	Pittsfield	66	18	45	0	0.53	2	7.81	-5.68	23	1005	-989	1869
	Plymouth	71	27	51	-1	0.00	0	7.49	-5.47	16	1198	-1391	2105
	Taunton_4NW	72	25	49	-1	0.01	1	5.98	-7.24	19	1116	-1415	1800
	Westfield_Barne	74	18	48	+3	0.11	1	6.33	-6.38	17	1329	-708	2226
	West_Otis	70	21	45	0	0.20	1	7.38	-1.79	18	729	-1212	1303
	Worcester	71	24	47	-1	0.11	3	5.17	-8.30	22	1189	-1036	2069
	Worthington	69	18	42	-4	0.45	2	8.47	-4.85	27	895	-973	1736
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	72	33	54	+2	0.00	0	20.23	-3.91	59	2942	+397	4883
	Providence	74	30	52	+2	0.00	0	21.15	-3.73	54	3322	+540	5287
	Westerly-Wester	72	27	51	+1	0.00	0	20.07	-6.60	53	2877	+300	4807
	Woonsocket	74	23	49	+1	0.02	1	19.10	-8.08	53	3109	+569	5039
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	74	30	54	+2	0.00	0	16.77	-8.74	59	3561	+613	5542
	Danbury_AP	77	21	50	+2	0.03	1	21.50	-9.18	57	3035	+407	4973
	Hartford_Bradle	73	21	50	+1	0.08	1	21.28	-5.76	67	3400	+574	5354
	Meriden-Meriden	78	21	51	+3	0.00	0	12.94	-17.91	49	3329	+745	5277
	Norfolk	68	20	43	-3	0.21	1	24.19	-7.25	74	2411	+470	4218
	Norwich	74	25	49	-2	0.00	0	17.59	-11.21	49	3207	+453	5146
	Staffordville	70	20	45	-3	0.11	2	25.50	-3.20	52	2488	+246	4326
	Thomaston_Dam	73	18	46	-2	0.02	2	19.76	-10.08	71	2897	+607	4791
	West_Thompson_L	72	20	45	-3	0.01	1	19.55	-9.34	57	2689	+418	4570
	Willimantic	75	21	50	+4	0.02	1	19.54	-9.16	57	3218	+976	5156

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

ALL CT COUNTIES, Jude Boucher
Large wholesale farms are all in clean up mode.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Northern), Donald M. Audibert
Producers are done harvesting their crop. Potato crop yields and quality look good. Some started loading and market prices are starting low. Some are now spreading lime and picking rocks.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond
It was another good week for fall activities. Producers should be readying their manure facilities for winter storage. Grain corn and soybeans still standing.

PISCATAQUIS/SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus
Light rain showers late in the week; however, field work continues chopping silage corn and haylage and spreading manure. Most of the corn has been harvested at this time.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Thomas Smiarowski
Harvest winding down for most crops.

HAMPSHIRE/HAMPDEN, Heather Baylis
Fall marches on, nights continue to grow cooler and autumn winds have picked up. It is the last push for pumpkins as Halloween approaches. More and more producers are getting ready for the coming winter.

PLYMOUTH, Carolyn DeMoranville
Peak cranberry harvest this past week with crop deliveries remaining strong.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders
Cold nights are now a regular occurrence. Fall marketing efforts were strong the last two weeks, coinciding with peak foliage and tourists in the area. Fields were getting cleaned up and coolers were full with crops for the winter markets. Growers that were able to seed cover crops should be thankful for a nice fall and good stand establishment.

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski
More frosty mornings this week, with a little rain midweek. Corn chopping and haying about all done. Harvesting the last of the fall veggie crops, and a few more Pick-Your-Own (PYO) apples.

COOS, Steve Turaj
Cool, damp weather and frosty mornings have been more frequent. Corn silage harvest continuing; all in on most farms. Aerial seeded (in late August) cover crops on cornfields were looking pretty good, particularly W.Rye and Tillage Radish.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt
Precipitation was minimal. Less than 0.4 inches was received in Orford. Very light showers on Sunday and Monday barely dampened the soil. Misty showers again from Wednesday into Thursday went almost without notice. Farmers continue to chop their final cutting of haylage, spread manure, and harrow in residue. With winter rapidly approaching, there are still plenty of tasks to complete before the first snow.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton
Weather: County-wide hard frost occurred several times during week. Cloudy and colder weather weekend for on-farm sales of farm products. Fruit: Orchardists busy marketing crop. Apple harvest is practically done. Finishing harvesting Rome, Fuji, and Pink Lady. Some orchardists are picking up apple drops; however, many orchardists are flail mowing under trees and not worrying about the drop apples. Very large crop; orchardists ran out of bins and cold storage or CA space to store apple crop. Vegetables: Farmers are cleaning up fields, picking up plastic mulch, drip tape, trellis stakes and irrigation equipment and soil testing fields for next season. Cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Field crops: Silage corn chopping finished. Soil testing fields for next season and cleaning and putting away farm equipment.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad
Gearing up for winter markets. Current markets are abundant with apples, pumpkins, several winter squash varieties, greens, potatoes, onions and carrots. Apple orchards are open for PYO apples and farm stands are loaded with a lot of apple varieties. Stunning vibrant fall color. Growing under row cover, there were cabbages, leeks, broccoli, kohlrabi, radishes, rutabagas, Brussel sprouts, collard greens, turnips, spinach, lettuce, tatsoi, bok choy, beets, carrots, chard, and parsley. In heated greenhouses, there were micro-greens, cilantro, and pea shoots flourishing. This week saw some killing frost, cold and warm temperatures, and some rain and showers. Field work involved cleaning, removing plastic, spreading manure, and getting ready for winter.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Paul E. Brule

This past Sunday evening, the temperatures dropped causing a first good freeze. The temperatures ranged from 24-32 degrees. All the vegetables were frozen. Silage corn continues to be harvested. Apples continue to be harvested. It has been reported that the crop did extremely well this year. Producers are now having a difficult time selling and storing the excess crop. Producers are still storing potatoes for the winter. Tilling fields and seeding winter rye. Farmstands continue to do well.

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Very cold temperatures early in the week as low as 19 degrees in some locations in Washington County.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Hay was still being made this week in Franklin County. Corn silage harvest is behind us with a little picking corn still out. Cover crops are doing very well with great germination and growth. Still hearing that yields are down some on corn silage; however, quality is still through the roof and producers are talking about making use of that quality by cutting back on purchase feed. About all that remains in the garden area is the great "pumpkin" who is very close to arrival, so be on the lookout.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

The corn silage harvest is complete. There are still some acres of grain corn left to be harvested. The yields were about average, which is better than expected. Feed value is also about average. The weather cooperated making it a relatively easy harvest. There are still a few acres of hay being harvested, but for most farmers the harvest was completed. Hay yields and quality were about average for the year. There is still some fall grazing; however, the pastures are fairly poor now. Cover crops have been planted and look good on most fields. There is still a little manure being spread and fall tillage.