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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Fair week for field work:** New England averaged 4.0 days suitable for field work last week.

New England saw a wide range of seasonally cooler weather with spotty rain and some snow showers in a few locations. Average weekly temperatures ranged from two degrees below normal to eight degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.43 to 2.38 inches. Only a few Cole crops and greens continued to be harvested. Most fields have been seeded for the winter and harvest moved into storage. The harvest of cranberries in Massachusetts was almost complete with only a few acres remaining and good quality reported. Sales at markets were good for the upcoming Thanksgiving week, including apple varieties and cider. Some producers have shifted to meat processing for the season. Field activities included manure and lime spreading, storing equipment, and soil testing for the next season.

## Crop Conditions as of November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	7	19	44	27	3

## Crop Progress as of November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week
FALL TILLAGE: SINGLE	96

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 22, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	1	9	77	13
SUBSOIL	2	17	76	5

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**November 22, 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	54	23	40	+4	1.33	2	31.23	+2.80	92	2418	+243	4383
	Bangor_Intl_Air	53	18	38	+3	0.91	2	22.84	-3.12	97	2267	+237	4156
	Bethel	52	19	37	+3	1.63	2	32.10	+1.03	86	2100	+175	3951
	Bridgton	53	20	36	+3	1.63	2	34.22	+2.94	80	2063	+333	3925
	Caribou_Municip	47	27	35	+7	0.75	2	24.95	-0.84	106	1950	+468	3665
	Dover-Foxcroft	52	18	35	+5	1.32	2	36.16	+6.86	110	2000	+493	3726
	Durham	55	21	37	0	1.40	2	29.60	-0.50	96	2184	+194	4099
	East_Surry	52	22	38	+2	2.11	2	29.15	-0.69	90	1898	+11	3721
	Eustis	47	14	32	+4	1.01	2	25.83	-1.23	90	1557	+407	3135
	Frenchville	45	26	34	+5	1.04	2	23.99	-2.27	100	1666	+306	3290
	Harmony	54	23	38	+5	0.88	2	32.36	+3.56	104	2091	+324	3915
	Houlton	50	19	35	+6	0.69	2	30.32	+4.03	96	1920	+404	3632
	Livermore_Falls	54	16	35	+3	1.78	2	33.89	+2.86	88	2020	+486	3826
	Machias	52	22	37	+2	0.95	2	31.34	-0.33	91	1917	+437	3647
	Millinocket_Wtr	50	17	34	+2	1.54	3	35.16	+6.07	93	1848	+84	3511
	Moosehead	49	19	34	+6	0.94	2	30.08	+0.78	103	1818	+510	3497
	Portland_ME	59	20	41	+4	1.47	2	28.62	-0.40	76	2577	+638	4630
	Rangeley_2NW	46	18	32	+3	0.75	2	27.98	-0.21	104	1483	+181	3029
	Sanford	55	20	38	+1	1.85	2	27.14	-3.92	55	2477	+227	4406
	Topsfield_2	48	21	34	+2	0.89	1	34.34	+4.19	94	1994	+299	3723
	Turner	53	21	38	+2	2.00	2	33.26	+4.13	89	2310	-42	4218
	Wesley_2W	50	19	35	+2	0.97	2	36.27	+8.38	74	2055	+340	3790
	West_Rockport	53	27	39	+3	2.38	2	33.16	+1.18	91	2237	+415	4128
New Hampshire	Berlin_AG	49	17	35	+2	1.12	2	27.83	-0.90	98	1906	+244	3694
	Bradford_2	54	15	37	+1	1.31	1	28.25	-2.25	71	2105	+33	3952
	Colebrook	50	14	34	+4	1.07	2	34.29	+5.40	132	1613	+98	3250
	Concord	57	16	40	+4	1.14	1	25.91	+0.56	74	2855	+680	4870
	East_Milford	58	19	40	+2	1.12	1	26.27	-3.34	64	2668	+329	4677
	Epping	58	17	39	+2	1.16	1	23.12	-6.18	73	2646	+427	4633
	Errol_AP	47	14	33	+3	1.23	2	31.50	+4.44	106	1737	+373	3375
	Fitzwilliam	57	20	40	+5	1.08	1	28.50	-1.26	91	2632	+809	4623
	Greenville	55	20	39	+5	1.00	1	31.56	+1.80	58	2353	+530	4287
	Hancock	55	17	38	+2	1.38	2	36.38	+5.35	93	2313	+308	4214
	Jefferson	50	19	35	+4	0.51	1	34.43	+6.04	114	1977	+247	3763
	Keene_AG	56	16	38	+3	1.12	1	32.33	+4.18	78	2533	+441	4481
	Lakeport_2	55	18	40	+4	1.40	3	31.58	+3.43	76	2534	+250	4504
	Lebanon	55	17	40	+5	0.88	1	24.59	-0.54	81	2699	+673	4694
	North_Conway	57	19	38	+4	1.92	2	31.81	+0.30	95	2123	+122	3997
	Tamworth_4	56	16	35	+2	1.94	1	36.08	+2.15	90	1877	+314	3645
	Wolfeburro	54	21	39	+3	1.37	2	27.78	-0.37	81	2557	+273	4548
Vermont	Bennington_AP	58	18	42	+8	0.45	1	20.70	-12.81	82	2634	+970	4665
	Burlington_Intl	60	23	43	+7	0.63	1	29.92	+3.05	94	3028	+783	5076
	Corinth	49	16	34	+1	0.72	1	34.18	+8.85	96	1805	+8	3530
	Island_Pond	50	18	34	+5	0.82	1	33.08	+3.16	119	1861	+396	3565
	Johnson_2N	48	20	36	+5	0.60	1	33.36	+3.91	106	1875	+221	3656
	Marlboro_Raws	53	21	38	+7	1.22	3	30.38	+2.93	83	2330	+717	4241
	Montpelier_AP	50	16	37	+4	0.57	2	31.00	+5.67	108	2184	+387	4030
	Newport_AG	50	19	34	+1	0.83	2	34.32	+5.62	107	2064	-2	3808

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	Rochester	51	18	37	+3	0.81	1	31.93	-0.66	89	2251	+501	4140
	Rutland_AG	56	18	37	+2	0.43	2	26.73	-1.60	97	2268	+120	4174
	Springfield_VT	54	16	40	+7	0.88	1	23.97	-7.14	82	2555	+665	4525
	South_Lincoln	54	18	35	+4	0.55	2	32.77	-1.61	92	1815	+382	3553
	Sutton	47	19	34	+5	0.90	2	34.66	+4.74	123	1884	+419	3616
	Walden	45	17	32	+2	0.70	2	34.49	+4.57	122	1518	+53	3099
	Woodstock	53	16	37	+3	0.95	1	29.88	+1.59	76	2383	+470	4267
Massachusetts	Amherst	61	21	42	+5	1.24	2	13.22	-3.69	31	1322	-1055	2416
	Barre_Falls_Dam	57	17	38	+2	1.09	2	12.28	-3.77	36	964	-854	1937
	Bedford_Hanscom	60	18	42	+3	0.93	1	7.77	-8.19	30	1272	-1183	2325
	Beverly_Ag	60	23	42	-2	1.03	2	7.67	-8.47	29	818	-1883	1612
	Birch_Hill_Dam	57	17	39	+3	1.16	1	11.32	-4.07	26	1023	-819	2010
	Boston_Logan_In	61	31	47	+4	0.86	2	7.77	-6.55	28	1475	-1399	2618
	Chatham_AP	58	28	46	+2	0.56	2	12.92	-2.66	31	1212	-938	2347
	Chicopee_Westov	62	16	43	+6	1.14	2	8.14	-7.99	27	1275	-1102	2345
	Edgartown	61	27	47	+3	1.02	2	15.13	+0.11	25	1024	-1439	1874
	East_Brimfield_	59	20	41	+3	1.14	1	10.09	-6.20	29	1153	-1020	2205
	Fitchburg	61	19	42	+3	1.09	1	9.62	-7.18	28	1404	-1082	2476
	Greenfield	62	21	40	+3	1.07	1	15.39	-2.43	40	1417	-960	2584
	Hyannis_AP	60	24	45	+3	0.43	2	12.58	-1.65	27	1284	-1073	2411
	Maynard	62	18	41	+2	0.89	1	12.03	-3.17	33	888	-1567	1644
	New_Bedford	63	22	45	+3	1.12	2	13.84	-2.29	24	1273	-1646	2388
	Newburyport	59	23	41	+2	1.10	1	8.90	-7.50	24	1106	-1380	2153
	North_Adams_Har	59	20	43	+8	0.93	1	11.85	-6.13	34	1128	-646	2161
	Norwood	63	16	43	+3	0.98	1	6.47	-8.88	25	1210	-1370	2270
	Pittsfield	56	19	42	+5	1.19	2	11.77	-5.58	33	1047	-947	2055
	Plymouth	62	22	45	+2	0.93	2	11.99	-5.27	23	1280	-1330	2394
	Taunton_4NW	62	22	43	+2	1.49	1	9.50	-7.80	28	1175	-1364	2049
	Westfield_Barne	62	20	44	+7	1.24	2	10.93	-5.70	24	1391	-646	2473
	West_Otis	60	22	42	+6	1.11	2	11.24	-2.28	25	770	-1171	1497
	Worcester	57	29	44	+6	1.20	1	9.03	-8.61	30	1254	-971	2310
	Worthington	57	19	39	+4	1.23	3	12.97	-4.48	39	913	-955	1867
Rhode Island	Newport_AP	62	30	49	+5	0.88	2	23.61	-4.59	67	3055	+477	5242
	Providence	63	27	47	+5	1.69	2	24.79	-4.10	60	3412	+612	5610
	Westerly-Wester	64	28	49	+7	1.19	2	23.00	-7.81	61	2968	+373	5137
	Woonsocket	63	21	43	+3	1.45	1	24.07	-7.43	60	3171	+627	5295
Connecticut	Bridgeport_Siko	66	35	51	+8	0.73	1	19.11	-9.81	65	3692	+714	5930
	Danbury_AP	63	24	46	+6	1.45	2	24.27	-10.49	64	3114	+482	5255
	Hartford_Bradle	63	22	46	+6	1.15	2	25.37	-5.47	74	3479	+644	5644
	Meriden-Meriden	65	24	47	+8	1.38	2	15.61	-19.46	56	3413	+824	5588
	Norfolk	56	24	39	+3	1.21	3	28.49	-7.30	82	2441	+500	4370
	Norwich	61	26	45	+4	2.01	1	22.21	-11.10	56	3274	+512	5423
	Staffordville	59	23	42	+3	1.44	2	29.33	-3.78	61	2526	+284	4508
	Thomaston_Dam	59	21	42	+5	1.30	2	25.68	-8.29	79	2938	+648	4991
	West_Thompson_L	59	20	41	+3	1.54	1	23.32	-9.97	64	2723	+452	4757
	Willimantic	63	22	45	+7	1.30	1	23.13	-9.98	65	3301	+1059	5449

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

WINDHAM, Dawn S. Pindell

It was still very dry, pond levels were low. Spreading manure, combining corn. Cooler temperatures in the 20s at night.

### MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

We had our first snowfall of the season. Soybeans have been harvested. Yields varied from well above average to well below. We are still trying to market an over production of potatoes. Some isolated storage problems have been showing up.

FRANKLIN, Gary Raymond

We had some snow this morning but it should melt quickly. The grazing season is over. Grain corn and soybeans are still being harvested.

PISCATAQUIS/SOMERSET, Elaine S. Moceus

Field work including spreading manure continues, as well as the grazing season. Cooler temperatures during the early morning one day, midweek, resulted in some small ponds icing over. There was no snow so far. Pouring rain on Friday created muddy conditions in some areas.

### MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, Carolyn DeMoranville

Only a very few acres of cranberries remain to be harvested. The crop finished strong with many growers reporting records or near records. Quality was good overall. After a warm start to the fall, weather has been seasonable for the area.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

CARROLL, Olivia Saunders

Growers are now focused on processing meats for Thanksgiving and moving their winter storage crops. There are a number of winter markets to coincide with Thanksgiving demand. Fall greens production has been good, but all the warm temperatures have been increasing growth. Growers are worried that they will run out in late winter due to abundance now.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Thanksgiving sales are steady to very good. Vegetables: Growers busy marketing remaining fall crops, 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. Also, general cleaning and putting away farm equipment. Spreading mice bait in orchards.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

With the relatively moderate temperatures, many Cole crops are still being harvested from the fields. Also harvested greens from hoop houses and bringing more crops from the field and into winter storage. Many apple varieties were being sold at farm stands as well as apple cider. Those with commercial kitchens are still taking pie and bread orders until Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Cleaning fields. The week saw some rain.

### RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Leila Naylor

This week the temperatures continue to be above normal during the day and in the 40s at night. Farmers are slowing down with their crop harvesting. Only Cole crops such as kale and broccoli continue to be harvested. Just about all of the fields have been seeded for the winter months.

### VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Another good combination of rain and sunshine continues in Franklin County this week. Cattle are still on pasture with needed supplemental feed. Some manure continues to be spread with weather cooperating for conditions to keep the nutrients in place with proper soil conditions.