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

Drought conditions persisted throughout New England through last week according to the U.S. Drought Monitor particularly along the coastal areas of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and southern Maine. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.00 to 1.19 inches throughout the region. The weekly temperature ranged from four degrees below normal to eleven degrees above normal. Weather conditions created varied results so far for corn and other crops. Dry hay was reported with very good conditions. Overall, yields appeared lower overall. Spotty rainfall in areas helped pastures look slightly greener while soil conditions appeared dry. Some concern was expressed regarding if soil nutrients would be sufficient in the root zones to be adequate to get through the winter. Wells and ponds were dry in many areas as well. Last week's activities included cleaning fields, spreading lime and manure, disking, planting cover crops, and continuing the harvest of silage, potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, cabbage, kale, winter squash and various other crops. Some cranberry growers delayed their harvest activities due to harsh weather conditions. Farm stands had robust activity with pumpkins and cider available.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 9, 2016

(in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 18 | 32 | 42 | 8 |
| SUBSOIL | 28 | 31 | 41 | 0 |

Crop Conditions as of October 9, 2016

(in percent)

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CRANBERRIES (MA) | 0 | 10 | 20 | 70 | 0 |
| DRY HAY | 2 | 9 | 30 | 42 | 17 |
| PASTURE AND RANGE | 11 | 41 | 43 | 5 | 0 |
| POTATOES (ME) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 60 |
| QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE | 2 | 5 | 20 | 47 | 26 |

Crop Progress as of October 9, 2016

(in percent)

| Item | This Week |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| APPLES: HARVESTED | 77 |
| CORN FOR SILAGE: HARVESTED | 72 |
| CRANBERRIES (MA): HARVESTED | 15 |
| DRY HAY: 3rd CUTTING | 90 |
| DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING | 47 |
| FALL TILLAGE: SINGLE | 17 |
| PEACHES: HARVESTED | 94 |
| PEARS: HARVESTED | 64 |
| POTATOES (ME): HARVESTED | 56 |

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October 10, 2016 New England Weekly Weather Summary

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2016 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | 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 | 76 | 38 | 56 | +5 | 0.04 | 2 | 13.61 | -9.11 | 64 | 2507 | +349 | 4216 |
| | Bangor_Intl_Air | 77 | 34 | 55 | +5 | 0.01 | 1 | 13.28 | -7.45 | 69 | 2607 | +588 | 4312 |
| | Bethel | 75 | 42 | 55 | +6 | 0.10 | 2 | 17.47 | -7.51 | 59 | 2139 | +221 | 3775 |
| | Bridgton | 70 | 38 | 53 | +5 | 0.07 | 1 | 17.47 | -7.29 | 59 | 2074 | +346 | 3717 |
| | Caribou_Municip | 76 | 29 | 54 | +9 | 0.11 | 1 | 23.88 | +2.44 | 78 | 2025 | +543 | 3612 |
| | Dover-Foxcroft | 78 | 34 | 54 | +8 | 0.04 | 1 | 17.21 | -6.58 | 73 | 2022 | +515 | 3640 |
| | Durham | 77 | 36 | 55 | +5 | 0.09 | 2 | 15.58 | -7.89 | 66 | 2286 | +307 | 3983 |
| | East_Surry | 76 | 31 | 53 | +3 | 1.19 | 1 | 17.73 | -5.61 | 72 | 1945 | +70 | 3602 |
| | Eustis | 74 | 34 | 53 | +9 | 0.03 | 1 | 15.38 | -6.99 | 70 | 1654 | +504 | 3173 |
| | Frenchville | 74 | 28 | 54 | +9 | 0.05 | 1 | 19.48 | -2.45 | 80 | 1833 | +473 | 3376 |
| | Harmony | 78 | 37 | 56 | +8 | 0.02 | 1 | 17.08 | -6.17 | 61 | 2148 | +382 | 3811 |
| | Houlton | 76 | 27 | 54 | +8 | 0.00 | 0 | 18.91 | -2.37 | 69 | 1914 | +398 | 3495 |
| | Livermore_Falls | 78 | 35 | 55 | +8 | 0.00 | 0 | 15.77 | -9.26 | 55 | 2114 | +580 | 3745 |
| | Millinocket_Wtr | 77 | 32 | 54 | +7 | 0.00 | 0 | 16.07 | -7.68 | 62 | 1889 | +125 | 3466 |
| | Moosehead | 74 | 38 | 53 | +8 | 0.31 | 2 | 18.66 | -5.57 | 72 | 1779 | +471 | 3336 |
| | Portland_ME | 74 | 36 | 56 | +6 | 0.10 | 1 | 12.87 | -9.41 | 59 | 2535 | +605 | 4250 |
| | Rangeley_2NW | 75 | 36 | 53 | +8 | 0.17 | 3 | 16.82 | -6.35 | 80 | 1604 | +302 | 3114 |
| | Sanford | 75 | 35 | 55 | +3 | 0.13 | 2 | 14.70 | -9.69 | 57 | 2459 | +228 | 4155 |
| | Topsfield_2 | 75 | 37 | 55 | +8 | 0.11 | 1 | 19.91 | -4.26 | 73 | 2006 | +311 | 3639 |
| | Turner | 77 | 40 | 56 | +4 | 0.02 | 1 | 16.03 | -7.00 | 66 | 2341 | +9 | 4007 |
| | Wesley_2W | 74 | 29 | 51 | +4 | 0.10 | 1 | 18.33 | -3.70 | 54 | 2039 | +327 | 3681 |
| | West_Rockport | 74 | 36 | 56 | +6 | 0.04 | 1 | 16.94 | -7.72 | 66 | 2256 | +443 | 3922 |
| | Whiting | 80 | 35 | 55 | +7 | 0.10 | 1 | 14.99 | -9.86 | 59 | 2169 | +693 | 3858 |
| New Hampshire | Berlin_AG | 74 | 40 | 55 | +8 | 0.04 | 1 | 18.43 | -4.71 | 70 | 1936 | +275 | 3556 |
| | Bradford_2 | 73 | 33 | 51 | -1 | 0.40 | 1 | 15.67 | -8.71 | 55 | 2021 | -35 | 3659 |
| | Colebrook | 74 | 40 | 55 | +8 | 0.18 | 3 | 18.77 | -5.16 | 97 | 1702 | +187 | 3237 |
| | Concord | 77 | 40 | 58 | +8 | 0.29 | 2 | 13.17 | -7.07 | 68 | 2868 | +706 | 4609 |
| | East_Milford | 75 | 36 | 54 | +3 | 0.05 | 1 | 13.82 | -9.84 | 65 | 2677 | +361 | 4430 |
| | Epping | 76 | 31 | 53 | +2 | 0.43 | 1 | 13.45 | -9.82 | 63 | 2542 | +346 | 4264 |
| | Errol_AP | 76 | 37 | 54 | +9 | 0.24 | 4 | 19.24 | -2.92 | 72 | 1699 | +335 | 3242 |
| | Greenville | 70 | 33 | 52 | +3 | 0.07 | 2 | 14.87 | -8.91 | 59 | 2366 | +549 | 4057 |
| | Hancock | 75 | 33 | 54 | +4 | 0.26 | 3 | 15.03 | -9.64 | 74 | 2344 | +349 | 4028 |
| | Jaffrey_Silver_ | 73 | 37 | 55 | +6 | 0.16 | 2 | 17.18 | -6.60 | 67 | 2584 | +767 | 4308 |
| | Jefferson | 70 | 40 | 55 | +7 | 0.33 | 2 | 20.52 | -2.92 | 71 | 1976 | +247 | 3588 |
| | Keene_AG | 77 | 42 | 58 | +8 | 0.20 | 3 | 17.01 | -5.96 | 65 | 2493 | +411 | 4212 |
| | Lakeport_2 | 77 | 43 | 58 | +7 | 0.09 | 1 | 16.01 | -6.73 | 55 | 2734 | +471 | 4456 |
| | Lebanon | 76 | 41 | 58 | +9 | 0.08 | 1 | 18.98 | -1.52 | 65 | 2700 | +683 | 4406 |
| | North_Conway | 78 | 40 | 56 | +7 | 0.03 | 2 | 17.54 | -7.56 | 66 | 2420 | +425 | 4085 |
| | Tamworth_4 | 73 | 35 | 51 | +5 | 0.21 | 2 | 19.68 | -7.78 | 68 | 1893 | +330 | 3510 |
| | Wolfeburro | 72 | 44 | 57 | +6 | 0.13 | 1 | 16.76 | -5.98 | 67 | 2458 | +195 | 4180 |
| Vermont | Averill | 76 | 32 | 53 | +9 | 0.44 | 3 | 23.70 | -3.13 | 56 | 1699 | +585 | 3193 |
| | Bennington_AP | 76 | 38 | 57 | +10 | 0.38 | 3 | 17.81 | -10.10 | 74 | 2553 | +891 | 4290 |
| | Burlington_Intl | 77 | 47 | 61 | +11 | 0.13 | 3 | 14.03 | -8.36 | 69 | 3020 | +788 | 4722 |
| | Corinth | 69 | 38 | 54 | +6 | 0.15 | 2 | 16.27 | -4.59 | 66 | 1819 | +26 | 3421 |
| | Johnson_2N | 74 | 41 | 55 | +8 | 0.32 | 3 | 24.83 | +0.37 | 73 | 1904 | +250 | 3498 |
| | Marlboro_Raws | 71 | 41 | 54 | +7 | 0.12 | 2 | 18.91 | -3.90 | 70 | 2264 | +651 | 3951 |
| | Montpelier_AP | 72 | 42 | 56 | +8 | 0.01 | 1 | 19.35 | -1.51 | 66 | 2124 | +331 | 3757 |
| | Newport_AG | 77 | 43 | 57 | +8 | 0.20 | 2 | 21.28 | -2.41 | 77 | 2097 | +43 | 3692 |

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2016 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|-------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| | Rochester | 77 | 44 | 57 | +9 | 0.15 | 1 | 17.12 | -9.61 | 57 | 2111 | +367 | 3759 |
| | Rutland_AG | 78 | 39 | 57 | +7 | 0.20 | 2 | 17.16 | -6.70 | 76 | 2249 | +119 | 3922 |
| | Springfield_VT | 73 | 41 | 57 | +9 | 0.10 | 2 | 13.23 | -12.03 | 61 | 2496 | +608 | 4201 |
| | South_Lincoln | 72 | 38 | 54 | +9 | 0.08 | 1 | 18.30 | -9.96 | 61 | 1811 | +378 | 3415 |
| | Sutton | 71 | 42 | 54 | +9 | 0.09 | 3 | 28.15 | +3.23 | 83 | 1898 | +433 | 3489 |
| | Walden | 70 | 40 | 52 | +8 | 0.17 | 3 | 24.53 | -0.39 | 84 | 1497 | +32 | 2994 |
| | Woodstock | 75 | 41 | 57 | +9 | 0.16 | 2 | 16.01 | -6.95 | 57 | 2385 | +474 | 4058 |
| Massachusetts | Amherst | 75 | 41 | 57 | +5 | 0.48 | 2 | 15.45 | -9.59 | 62 | 2806 | +450 | 4584 |
| | Barre_Falls_Dam | 77 | 35 | 55 | +7 | 0.05 | 2 | 16.51 | -8.72 | 75 | 2548 | +737 | 4254 |
| | Bedford_Hanscom | 76 | 33 | 56 | +3 | 0.51 | 1 | 10.97 | -12.76 | 63 | 2963 | +541 | 4742 |
| | Beverly_Ag | 71 | 35 | 54 | -4 | 0.05 | 2 | 13.92 | -8.39 | 64 | 2508 | -113 | 4252 |
| | Birch_Hill_Dam | 75 | 33 | 53 | +5 | 0.10 | 2 | 19.00 | -5.15 | 62 | 2446 | +607 | 4166 |
| | Boston_Logan_In | 68 | 48 | 59 | +2 | 0.15 | 1 | 11.88 | -9.15 | 59 | 3192 | +405 | 4995 |
| | Chatham_AP | 73 | 48 | 60 | +5 | 0.02 | 1 | 16.00 | -6.98 | 64 | 2783 | +712 | 4531 |
| | Chicopee_Westov | 76 | 37 | 57 | +5 | 0.10 | 1 | 14.90 | -10.14 | 61 | 2974 | +618 | 4757 |
| | Edgartown | 73 | 43 | 59 | +3 | 0.24 | 2 | 18.48 | -4.43 | 66 | 2879 | +502 | 4670 |
| | East_Brimfield_ | 74 | 39 | 56 | +4 | 0.22 | 2 | 21.07 | -3.28 | 84 | 2574 | +420 | 4318 |
| | Fitchburg | 76 | 39 | 58 | +6 | 0.20 | 1 | 12.26 | -13.35 | 57 | 3214 | +759 | 5009 |
| | Greenfield | 75 | 42 | 57 | +6 | 0.09 | 2 | 16.17 | -8.87 | 68 | 2776 | +420 | 4535 |
| | Hyannis_AP | 72 | 41 | 58 | +3 | 0.07 | 2 | 16.16 | -4.75 | 60 | 2859 | +561 | 4622 |
| | Maynard | 78 | 33 | 55 | +2 | 0.21 | 3 | 16.41 | -7.32 | 72 | 2906 | +484 | 4685 |
| | New_Bedford | 75 | 41 | 59 | +2 | 0.19 | 1 | 17.15 | -7.88 | 63 | 3017 | +189 | 4798 |
| | Newburyport | 74 | 39 | 56 | +3 | 0.21 | 2 | 12.48 | -11.45 | 64 | 2681 | +231 | 4420 |
| | North_Adams_Har | 77 | 37 | 57 | +9 | 0.21 | 2 | 19.40 | -8.53 | 74 | 2574 | +805 | 4312 |
| | Norwood | 77 | 32 | 56 | +2 | 0.24 | 1 | 12.45 | -11.05 | 63 | 2859 | +321 | 4643 |
| | Pittsfield | 74 | 36 | 56 | +7 | 0.02 | 1 | 17.64 | -9.40 | 70 | 2431 | +447 | 4160 |
| | Plymouth | 75 | 43 | 59 | +3 | 0.24 | 2 | 15.16 | -10.02 | 67 | 2933 | +396 | 4689 |
| | Taunton_4NW | 76 | 39 | 57 | +4 | 0.15 | 1 | 17.69 | -6.56 | 73 | 3073 | +580 | 4860 |
| | Westfield_Barne | 75 | 40 | 58 | +8 | 0.06 | 1 | 14.53 | -11.03 | 66 | 3096 | +1073 | 4887 |
| | West_Otis | 75 | 41 | 57 | +8 | 0.20 | 2 | 18.97 | -10.22 | 87 | 2773 | +844 | 4542 |
| | Worcester | 72 | 43 | 57 | +5 | 0.36 | 2 | 16.42 | -9.78 | 71 | 2736 | +538 | 4490 |
| | Worthington | 72 | 36 | 53 | +4 | 0.31 | 3 | 19.67 | -7.57 | 78 | 2192 | +336 | 3877 |
| Rhode Island | Newport_AP | 72 | 44 | 59 | +2 | 0.39 | 1 | 15.37 | -6.80 | 63 | 2897 | +426 | 4687 |
| | Providence | 75 | 43 | 60 | +4 | 0.49 | 1 | 18.58 | -4.37 | 66 | 3287 | +558 | 5100 |
| | Westerly-Wester | 73 | 43 | 60 | +5 | 0.63 | 1 | 17.79 | -6.81 | 61 | 2999 | +475 | 4800 |
| | Woonsocket | 76 | 39 | 58 | +5 | 0.40 | 1 | 18.72 | -6.24 | 65 | 3043 | +533 | 4835 |
| Connecticut | Bridgeport_Siko | 72 | 51 | 62 | +5 | 0.71 | 2 | 18.09 | -5.59 | 65 | 3563 | +686 | 5403 |
| | Danbury_AP | 74 | 40 | 58 | +5 | 0.07 | 1 | 17.47 | -11.11 | 71 | 2946 | +356 | 4754 |
| | Hartford_Bradle | 76 | 42 | 59 | +5 | 0.00 | 0 | 15.74 | -9.31 | 66 | 3319 | +539 | 5138 |
| | Meriden-Meriden | 78 | 43 | 61 | +7 | 0.18 | 2 | 14.09 | -14.46 | 68 | 3373 | +832 | 5197 |
| | Norfolk | 70 | 41 | 55 | +5 | 0.03 | 3 | 17.98 | -11.21 | 71 | 2419 | +490 | 4133 |
| | Norwich | 76 | 45 | 60 | +5 | 0.93 | 2 | 18.61 | -7.83 | 59 | 3160 | +452 | 4973 |
| | Staffordville | 74 | 41 | 57 | +6 | 0.29 | 2 | 19.53 | -6.87 | 61 | 2495 | +276 | 4229 |
| | Thomaston_Dam | 74 | 39 | 57 | +5 | 0.02 | 2 | 16.75 | -10.84 | 79 | 2904 | +639 | 4691 |
| | West_Thompson_L | 74 | 40 | 56 | +5 | 0.45 | 1 | 18.10 | -8.49 | 65 | 2676 | +428 | 4433 |
| | Willimantic | 76 | 41 | 59 | +8 | 0.56 | 1 | 16.99 | -9.41 | 70 | 3247 | +1028 | 5068 |

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

Good weather for crop harvesting; about an inch of much needed rain on Sunday. Pick Your Own Apples are nearly done, not much left on the trees with reduced yields; harvesting haylage, mowing hay; digging potatoes, cleaning up fields. Chopping silage is about done; picking, snapping, combining continues. Farm stands busy with sales of pumpkins, cider, apples, squash and more.

MAINE

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

The apple crop is small in volume and size. The small crop is hard on the pickers, as they have to cover more area and select apples when picking. There is a shortage of cider apples. Some hay is being made and silage is being cut. One half inch of rain received on Sunday.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Wells being low and ground water is the main concern here. Corn silage is pretty well harvested and the growing season is over. Grain corn and soybeans remain to be harvested. There is still a little hay coming in.

MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPSHIRE/HAMPDEN, Heather Baylis

Some rain but still not enough to relieve drought conditions. Early harvest of pumpkins and volume of pumpkins and quality are decreased. Apple picking is in full swing. Pastures are depleted and supplemental hay is being fed in most grazing operations.

PLYMOUTH, Carolyn DeMoranville

Dry conditions returned this week. Many cranberry growers have delayed harvest due to poor fruit color and/or lack of water for harvest.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Sunny for most of the week, with a little bit of rain over the weekend. Corn silage harvest wrapping up. Farms taking late third or fourth cuttings as conditions allow. Pastures look a little greener, and are providing a little later-season forage for livestock. Veggie operations continuing to harvest late crops and put fields to bed for the season; stands are dominated by fall crops. Great weather for PYO apples.

COOS, Patricia Matte

Corn harvest continues as does grass harvest. Foliage is passing peak colors and leaves are starting to drop. Not much for rain received over the last week.

GRAFTON, Heather Bryant

We got some welcome rain over the weekend, and the temperatures have dropped to very fall like conditions.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending October 8th, top soil moisture conditions remained very dry. Rain fall for the week totaled 0.16 inches. Farms are rushing to complete the last harvests of hay, corn and other field crops. This summer has provided ideal weather conditions for making dry hay. In many cases, hay yields per acre are down, but the quality of the hay made is good. Corn yields across the county are highly variable. The grain content in this year's silage is averaging out lower than normal. On some sandy, well drained soils, the grain yield per ton of silage is significantly less than a normal year. This summer's dry conditions were the primary contributor. Vegetable growers without field irrigation also struggled to maintain yields at normal levels. Those who provided supplemental water had higher yields.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Pick-your-own apple and farm stand operations had wonderful Saturday, October 8 and rainy Sunday, October 9. Apple harvest is in full swing with most growers concentrating on strip picking Cortland and picking Macoun and later maturing varieties. Vegetables: Great weather and good demand for all vegetable continues. Farmers are harvesting wide array of vegetables including: cabbage, kale, Brussel Sprouts, winter squash and pumpkins along with the tail end of warm season crops. Good demand for all vegetable continues. Farmers kept busy disking, cleaning up and planting cover crops on harvested fields. Field Crops: Silage corn harvest in full swing and end is in sight. The second and third cuttings of hay and haylage continues between rain showers.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

PYO and apple harvest continues. There is good apple supply of most varieties. Now picking Macoun and Empire varieties. Harvesting an array of vegetables, fall raspberries, cut flowers. Pumpkin, winter squashes and mums available. Seeding and planting in high tunnels for winter markets. Planting garlic. Cleaning fields. Spreading lime and manure. Pasture greened after the rain. Very little second hay crop. Sunday Columbus weekend saw much needed light, steady rain which resulted with slow traffic at PYO apple operations. Still in extreme drought conditions persisted. Some light frost on a couple of nights.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

Another dry and seasonable week in Sullivan County. Parts of the county received rain on Sunday, roughly two tenths of an inch. Producers continue harvesting silage corn. Vegetable producers are busy with fall crops. The apple harvest is still in full swing.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, George Goulart

Drought conditions continue throughout the state. Several farmers are reporting wells and ponds going dry. Apple harvest is down due to the weather. Silage corn is being chopped but yields are lower. Farmers growing potatoes continue to harvest.

VERMONT

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

Another good week for Corn harvest.

CALEDONIA, Daniel Hudson Corn silage harvest mostly complete in the county. Yields were generally good or very good.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Corn harvest continues very nicely in Franklin County this week. This is a great plus helping with stress levels for Dairy producers battling weak cash flows. Now we need to assess forage quality and provide purchase feeds to those forage qualities only. Hay harvest continues for those done corn and we are well by the fourth cut and into fifth and even sixth cuts. Hopefully soil nutrients are adequate to get root zones by the winter without damage. Pick up mode is in full swing with gardens and still seeing many pumpkins and cider at farm stands. Cover crops are going in on corn ground with some light tillage and great weather is abundant for germination.