



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



New
England



Crop Progress & Condition

Gary Keough, State Statistician

53 Pleasant St. Room 3450, Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603-224-9639

Fax: 603-225-1432

www.nass.usda.gov/nh

Week ending June 18, 2017

Issued weekly on the internet, April - November
by the Northeastern Regional Field Office of NASS

nassrfoner@nass.usda.gov

Released June 19, 2017

*Revised tables

Excellent week for field work: New England averaged 6 days suitable for field work last week. New England states finally received some break from rainfall this week. Hot temperatures was reported in early days of the week, followed by some rain towards the end of the week. Average weekly temperatures ranged from 1 degree below to 9 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.06 to 1.54 inches throughout the region. Heavy first cutting of hay was reported throughout the New England states. All crops are responding well to the warm temperature. There are isolated reports of wet fields but most areas reported finishing up planting corn and other spring seeded crops. Vegetables started being irrigated. Many areas reported harvesting early season fruits and vegetables such as peas, broccoli, salad greens, and strawberries. The hot temperature is reported as optimal for corn growth but isolated outbreak of armyworm was reported in several counties in New Hampshire. Fruit producers are monitoring pest and crop development and applying cover sprays for pest control. Field activities for the week included tillage, applying pesticides, fertilizing, as well as equipment repair and maintenance.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 18, 2017

(in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 0 | 3 | 76 | 21 |
| SUBSOIL | 0 | 0 | 79 | 21 |

Crop Conditions as of June 18, 2017

(in percent)

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| APPLES | 0 | 0 | 9 | 39 | 52 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| DRY HAY | 0 | 1 | 27 | 61 | 11 |
| PASTURE AND RANGE | 2 | 2 | 22 | 55 | 19 |
| PEACHES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 93 |
| PEARS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 86 |
| QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE | 0 | 12 | 45 | 32 | 11 |
| STRAWBERRIES | 0 | 0 | 15 | 71 | 14 |

Crop Progress as of June 18, 2017

(in percent)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| APPLES: FULL BLOOM | 86 | 78 | N/A |
| APPLES: PETAL FALL | 77 | 67 | 99 |
| APPLES: FRUIT SET | 61 | 48 | 93 |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PINK | 96 | 90 | N/A |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FULL BLOOM | 83 | 70 | N/A |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PETAL FALL | 70 | 55 | 97 |
| BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FRUIT SET | 33 | 17 | 74 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): PINK | 78 | 73 | N/A |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): FULL BLOOM | 60 | 47 | 83 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): PETAL FALL | 30 | 25 | 41 |
| BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): FRUIT SET | 25 | 20 | 31 |
| CORN: PLANTED | 93 | 83 | N/A |
| CORN: EMERGED | 81 | 44 | 90 |
| CRANBERRIES (MA): PINK | 45 | 20 | 99 |
| DRY HAY: 1st CUTTING | 54 | 29 | 72 |
| OATS (ME): PLANTED | 100 | 90 | N/A |
| OATS (ME): EMERGED | 70 | 35 | N/A |
| PEACHES: PINK | 72 | 65 | N/A |
| PEACHES: FULL BLOOM | 54 | 46 | N/A |
| PEACHES: PETAL FALL | 45 | 37 | 90 |
| PEACHES: FRUIT SET | 28 | 22 | 79 |
| PEARS: PINK | 54 | 43 | N/A |
| PEARS: FULL BLOOM | 40 | 32 | N/A |
| PEARS: PETAL FALL | 22 | 16 | 90 |
| PEARS: FRUIT SET | 11 | 7 | 78 |
| POTATOES (ME): PLANTED | 100 | 80 | N/A |
| POTATOES (ME): EMERGED | 60 | 8 | 87 |
| SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE | 97 | 91 | N/A |
| STRAWBERRIES: GREEN TIP | 88 | 83 | N/A |
| STRAWBERRIES: PINK | 70 | 63 | N/A |
| STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM | 53 | 44 | 99 |
| STRAWBERRIES: PETAL FALL | 44 | 29 | 96 |
| STRAWBERRIES: FRUIT SET | 28 | 11 | 83 |
| SWEET CORN: PLANTED | 65 | 58 | 83 |

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/e/weather and click on "Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin."

June 18, 2017 New England Weekly Weather Summary

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2017 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | 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 | 91 | 50 | 68 | +3 | 0.35 | 2 | 9.29 | -0.43 | 36 | 462 | +22 | 1076 |
| | Bangor_Intl_Air | 91 | 49 | 66 | +2 | 0.72 | 1 | 12.81 | +4.13 | 35 | 416 | +10 | 1019 |
| | Bethel | 93 | 42 | 66 | +2 | 0.36 | 2 | 11.17 | +0.87 | 36 | 403 | +3 | 976 |
| | Bridgton | 88 | 43 | 64 | +2 | 0.40 | 2 | 12.35 | +2.33 | 40 | 335 | -17 | 865 |
| | Caribou_Municip | 91 | 43 | 63 | +2 | 0.74 | 2 | 9.10 | +1.26 | 43 | 353 | +54 | 897 |
| | Dover-Foxcroft | 92 | 44 | 64 | +3 | 0.43 | 2 | 11.09 | +1.33 | 40 | 360 | +93 | 899 |
| | Durham | 92 | 45 | 67 | +4 | 0.32 | 3 | 11.69 | +1.12 | 41 | 407 | +40 | 1003 |
| | East_Surry | 90 | 45 | 61 | -2 | 0.70 | 3 | 12.79 | +2.70 | 44 | 289 | -53 | 866 |
| | Eustis | 91 | 36 | 63 | +5 | 0.66 | 2 | 9.90 | +0.99 | 34 | 242 | +43 | 703 |
| | Frenchville | 87 | 41 | 59 | -1 | 1.01 | 2 | 9.46 | +1.39 | 43 | 250 | -1 | 742 |
| | Harmony | 94 | 44 | 65 | +2 | 0.44 | 1 | 10.24 | +0.60 | 39 | 382 | +32 | 962 |
| | Hollis | 93 | 41 | 66 | +3 | 0.46 | 2 | 13.51 | +3.17 | 40 | 382 | +18 | 938 |
| | Houlton | 90 | 37 | 62 | +1 | 0.73 | 2 | 9.69 | +1.46 | 41 | 324 | +28 | 867 |
| | Livermore_Falls | 91 | 42 | 66 | +5 | 0.24 | 2 | 9.50 | -1.18 | 35 | 379 | +93 | 950 |
| | Millinocket_Wtr | 93 | 42 | 63 | 0 | 1.13 | 3 | 12.48 | +2.87 | 45 | 303 | -43 | 808 |
| | Moosehead | 91 | 37 | 63 | +3 | 0.51 | 1 | 11.28 | +1.73 | 43 | 288 | +66 | 781 |
| | Portland_ME | 91 | 47 | 68 | +5 | 0.43 | 2 | 13.12 | +3.23 | 35 | 430 | +73 | 1052 |
| | Rangeley_2NW | 87 | 36 | 62 | +2 | 0.70 | 2 | 9.92 | +1.00 | 44 | 228 | -3 | 678 |
| | Topsfield_2 | 89 | 46 | 63 | +1 | 1.61 | 3 | 13.32 | +3.58 | 44 | 343 | +33 | 894 |
| | Turner | 90 | 46 | 67 | +1 | 0.35 | 2 | 10.15 | +0.13 | 41 | 422 | -71 | 1011 |
| | West_Rockport | 91 | 52 | 66 | +4 | 0.33 | 1 | 12.01 | +0.74 | 40 | 371 | +60 | 957 |
| | Whiting | 95 | 42 | 63 | +4 | 1.54 | 3 | 14.07 | +2.88 | 41 | 317 | +90 | 941 |
| | Woodland | 89 | 43 | 65 | +3 | 0.88 | 3 | 12.15 | +2.59 | 36 | 401 | +75 | 1014 |
| New Hampshire | Berlin_AG | 89 | 41 | 65 | +3 | 0.37 | 2 | 11.34 | +2.33 | 41 | 341 | -9 | 877 |
| | Bradford_2 | 92 | 40 | 66 | +1 | 0.65 | 2 | 14.14 | +3.73 | 29 | 365 | -126 | 923 |
| | Colebrook | 88 | 34 | 63 | +2 | 0.89 | 3 | 10.68 | +1.74 | 47 | 263 | -44 | 753 |
| | Concord | 97 | 45 | 70 | +5 | 0.40 | 2 | 12.74 | +4.60 | 36 | 590 | +115 | 1237 |
| | East_Milford | 95 | 47 | 69 | +3 | 0.15 | 1 | 13.34 | +3.56 | 30 | 550 | +23 | 1203 |
| | Epping | 95 | 44 | 69 | +4 | 0.67 | 3 | 12.49 | +2.70 | 35 | 520 | +43 | 1150 |
| | Errol_AP | 89 | 35 | 63 | +3 | 0.56 | 2 | 10.38 | +1.89 | 43 | 276 | +30 | 766 |
| | Greenville | 91 | 44 | 68 | +5 | 0.73 | 1 | 16.04 | +6.55 | 29 | 444 | +56 | 1016 |
| | Hancock | 92 | 53 | 69 | +5 | 0.56 | 2 | 13.97 | +3.92 | 39 | 518 | +86 | 1129 |
| | Jaffrey_Silver_ | 93 | 48 | 70 | +7 | 0.36 | 1 | 13.97 | +4.48 | 34 | 549 | +161 | 1191 |
| | Jefferson | 92 | 42 | 67 | +4 | 0.49 | 2 | 10.19 | +1.42 | 43 | 382 | -14 | 931 |
| | Keene_AG | 93 | 43 | 67 | +2 | 0.78 | 3 | 13.71 | +4.56 | 38 | 460 | +1 | 1075 |
| | Lakeport_2 | 93 | 50 | 69 | +3 | 0.62 | 2 | 12.97 | +4.05 | 36 | 532 | +55 | 1164 |
| | Lebanon | 95 | 43 | 70 | +6 | 0.42 | 2 | 11.78 | +3.75 | 38 | 588 | +149 | 1236 |
| | North_Conway | 95 | 43 | 67 | +2 | 0.39 | 2 | 13.52 | +3.15 | 37 | 441 | +14 | 1036 |
| | Tamworth_4 | 90 | 40 | 64 | +2 | 0.46 | 3 | 15.13 | +3.80 | 37 | 340 | +25 | 884 |
| | Wolfeburro | 89 | 51 | 68 | +2 | 0.65 | 3 | 13.13 | +4.21 | 43 | 494 | +17 | 1122 |
| Vermont | Averill | 88 | 32 | 62 | +4 | 0.13 | 2 | 7.26 | -2.84 | 34 | 267 | +81 | 751 |
| | Bennington_AP | 90 | 47 | 70 | +8 | 0.68 | 3 | 12.45 | +1.32 | 37 | 581 | +211 | 1243 |
| | Burlington_Intl | 95 | 47 | 73 | +7 | 0.40 | 2 | 10.19 | +2.06 | 41 | 687 | +175 | 1343 |
| | Corinth | 86 | 40 | 63 | 0 | 0.70 | 2 | 11.20 | +3.22 | 42 | 299 | -102 | 828 |
| | Johnson_2N | 86 | 39 | 65 | +3 | 0.67 | 3 | 11.51 | +2.61 | 43 | 351 | -8 | 869 |
| | Marlboro_Raws | 90 | 46 | 67 | +5 | 1.08 | 3 | 16.31 | +7.82 | 36 | 424 | +93 | 1023 |
| | Montpelier_AP | 88 | 40 | 66 | +3 | 1.20 | 2 | 11.48 | +3.50 | 41 | 421 | +20 | 991 |
| | Newport_AG | 89 | 41 | 66 | +1 | 0.95 | 2 | 9.57 | +0.70 | 41 | 394 | -94 | 937 |

| | | Last Week Weather Summary | | | | | | Accumulation Since April 1, 2017 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|---------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | Precipitation | | | GDD Base 50F | | Base 40F |
| State | Station | Hi | Lo | Avg | DFN | Total | Days | Total | DFN | Days | Total | DFN | Total |
| | Rochester | 90 | 39 | 66 | +4 | 0.58 | 2 | 12.12 | +1.72 | 37 | 386 | +16 | 960 |
| | Rutland_AG | 90 | 42 | 67 | +2 | 0.62 | 2 | 10.20 | +1.70 | 39 | 428 | -89 | 1032 |
| | Springfield_VT | 94 | 43 | 68 | +4 | 0.63 | 2 | 13.89 | +3.33 | 38 | 523 | +115 | 1151 |
| | South_Lincoln | 88 | 38 | 65 | +5 | 0.77 | 2 | 11.26 | +0.06 | 43 | 358 | +61 | 880 |
| | Sutton | 88 | 43 | 65 | +4 | 0.98 | 2 | 12.53 | +3.54 | 47 | 334 | +32 | 844 |
| | Walden | 86 | 35 | 62 | +1 | 0.86 | 2 | 11.49 | +2.50 | 49 | 223 | -79 | 657 |
| | Woodstock | 94 | 41 | 67 | +3 | 0.50 | 1 | 12.64 | +3.35 | 34 | 471 | +58 | 1087 |
| Massachusetts | Amherst | 94 | 48 | 71 | +5 | 0.24 | 1 | 13.40 | +3.23 | 33 | 579 | +40 | 1258 |
| | Barre_Falls_Dam | 95 | 47 | 71 | +8 | 0.25 | 3 | 15.05 | +5.05 | 38 | 560 | +183 | 1223 |
| | Bedford_Hanscom | 95 | 47 | 72 | +6 | 1.12 | 2 | 11.67 | +1.92 | 33 | 645 | +95 | 1324 |
| | Beverly_Ag | 92 | 49 | 69 | +2 | 1.54 | 2 | 15.76 | +6.55 | 37 | 470 | -91 | 1101 |
| | Birch_Hill_Dam | 93 | 46 | 69 | +6 | 0.16 | 1 | 12.58 | +3.01 | 35 | 502 | +124 | 1125 |
| | Boston_Logan_In | 95 | 57 | 73 | +5 | 2.68 | 2 | 12.77 | +4.12 | 34 | 652 | +38 | 1359 |
| | Chatham_AP | 88 | 50 | 68 | +6 | 0.59 | 2 | 11.32 | +1.69 | 38 | 452 | +118 | 1149 |
| | Chicopee_Westov | 96 | 48 | 73 | +7 | 0.06 | 1 | 10.49 | +0.32 | 35 | 684 | +145 | 1373 |
| | Edgartown | 89 | 48 | 67 | +2 | 0.57 | 2 | 13.57 | +3.79 | 39 | 478 | +32 | 1179 |
| | East_Brimfield_ | 92 | 51 | 71 | +6 | 0.45 | 1 | 13.06 | +3.16 | 42 | 549 | +83 | 1214 |
| | Fitchburg | 97 | 50 | 74 | +7 | 0.58 | 1 | 13.05 | +2.55 | 34 | 743 | +182 | 1436 |
| | Greenfield | 94 | 48 | 70 | +4 | 0.17 | 1 | 14.18 | +4.01 | 34 | 572 | +33 | 1250 |
| | Hyannis_AP | 91 | 48 | 69 | +4 | 0.43 | 3 | 12.16 | +3.34 | 39 | 510 | +96 | 1205 |
| | Lawrence_AP | 97 | 53 | 74 | +8 | 1.40 | 1 | 11.82 | +2.11 | 29 | 753 | +224 | 1445 |
| | Maynard | 96 | 46 | 72 | +6 | 1.11 | 2 | 13.85 | +4.10 | 38 | 669 | +119 | 1372 |
| | New_Bedford | 92 | 45 | 70 | +2 | 0.54 | 2 | 13.81 | +3.51 | 39 | 578 | +1 | 1273 |
| | North_Adams_Har | 90 | 46 | 69 | +6 | 0.30 | 3 | 10.94 | -0.99 | 36 | 560 | +189 | 1220 |
| | Norwood | 96 | 47 | 73 | +6 | 0.85 | 2 | 12.45 | +3.09 | 34 | 688 | +100 | 1398 |
| | Pittsfield | 89 | 48 | 69 | +5 | 0.25 | 2 | 11.60 | +0.24 | 38 | 506 | +61 | 1142 |
| | Plymouth | 94 | 47 | 70 | +3 | 0.86 | 2 | 14.19 | +3.86 | 40 | 582 | +60 | 1260 |
| | Taunton_4NW | 98 | 51 | 73 | +6 | 1.36 | 1 | 14.57 | +4.99 | 39 | 653 | +106 | 1351 |
| | Westfield_Barne | 95 | 49 | 73 | +9 | 0.24 | 3 | 11.54 | +0.91 | 36 | 684 | +243 | 1377 |
| | West_Otis | 95 | 48 | 72 | +9 | 0.22 | 2 | 10.81 | -1.07 | 39 | 639 | +231 | 1320 |
| | Worcester | 90 | 50 | 70 | +5 | 0.61 | 2 | 12.58 | +2.01 | 38 | 556 | +82 | 1199 |
| | Worthington | 89 | 44 | 67 | +4 | 0.28 | 2 | 13.84 | +2.63 | 39 | 410 | +17 | 1013 |
| Rhode Island | Newport_AP | 90 | 51 | 69 | +4 | 0.16 | 2 | 13.16 | +3.64 | 37 | 550 | +89 | 1266 |
| | Providence | 95 | 52 | 73 | +5 | 2.23 | 2 | 16.40 | +6.70 | 39 | 718 | +100 | 1445 |
| | Westerly-Wester | 89 | 51 | 70 | +4 | 0.67 | 2 | 12.21 | +2.10 | 35 | 618 | +96 | 1349 |
| | Woonsocket | 95 | 50 | 72 | +5 | 2.02 | 2 | 14.52 | +4.39 | 37 | 662 | +101 | 1366 |
| Connecticut | Bridgeport_Siko | 94 | 63 | 75 | +7 | 0.11 | 2 | 10.79 | +0.77 | 34 | 803 | +164 | 1563 |
| | Danbury_AP | 92 | 55 | 72 | +4 | 0.06 | 2 | 8.96 | -2.40 | 34 | 625 | -3 | 1321 |
| | Hartford_Bradle | 96 | 52 | 74 | +5 | 0.15 | 1 | 9.53 | -0.98 | 35 | 773 | +83 | 1491 |
| | Meriden-Meriden | 93 | 52 | 72 | +5 | 0.40 | 2 | 9.25 | -2.61 | 30 | 727 | +164 | 1457 |
| | Norfolk | 89 | 49 | 69 | +6 | 0.22 | 2 | 10.31 | -1.57 | 40 | 463 | +55 | 1082 |
| | Norwich | 94 | 53 | 73 | +5 | 2.21 | 1 | 13.38 | +2.61 | 34 | 720 | +86 | 1449 |
| | Staffordville | 92 | 49 | 69 | +4 | 0.43 | 2 | 10.84 | +0.25 | 33 | 489 | -4 | 1129 |
| | Thomaston_Dam | 97 | 48 | 72 | +7 | 0.09 | 2 | 10.85 | -0.30 | 42 | 652 | +149 | 1359 |
| | West_Thompson_L | 95 | 48 | 70 | +5 | 0.85 | 2 | 12.97 | +2.46 | 41 | 570 | +79 | 1236 |
| | Willimantic | 96 | 52 | 74 | +9 | 0.66 | 1 | 10.20 | -0.39 | 38 | 812 | +319 | 1545 |

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
Copyright 2017: Agricultural Weather Information Service, Inc. All rights reserved.

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

NEW LONDON, Sarah Woodward

Hot temperatures and sun early in the week helped to dry out many fields. Some veggie producers need to turn on irrigation midweek to combat dry dusty fields. Harvesting strawberries, peas, broccoli, kohlrabi, salad greens and first few hoop house tomatoes. Others busy harvesting hay and planting corn on drying fields. Heavy rain at the end of the week, most areas receiving at least an inch and some up to 1.5 inches.

LITCHFIELD, Richard Meinert

Finally some heat and light. Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Test (PSNT) sampling on fields planted in April got underway this week. Started topdressing corn with urea - again on those early plantings. Second cut haylage look good in fields. Should be coming off next week.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Potatoes and grain have emerged. Most of the county is still very dry. Hay fields rapid growth previously reported has slowed. Producers are busy applying herbicides and picking rocks.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Soils dried out last week allowing a lot of hay to be made. Hay crop looks good, if you can get it off soon. Vegetables started being irrigated. Apple set is heavy, growers have sprayed thinners several times. Early corn is spotty due to poor germination. High number of grubs reported.

PENOBSCOT/PISCATAQUIS, Donna Coffin

Mixed vegetable farmers have planted most of their crops. Farmers' Markets are getting started with early season vegetables and seedlings

SOMERSET, Kathy Hopkins

Finally, some warmth to go with the moisture. Baleage made. Planted crops emerging, transplants are doing well. Some limited dry hay made.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Hot, humid temperatures early in the week spurred crop growth. Strawberry harvest in full swing with many U-Pick operations opening up.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Sunny weather most of the week, with very warm temperatures Monday and Tuesday. Crops in general seem to be responding to warmth and sunlight. Corn doing well, though some isolated outbreaks of armyworm showing up. More hay getting mowed for hay/haylage/baleage, though grass is pretty mature at this point. Veggies crops doing well, and first strawberries showing up for sale.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Good haying conditions for much of the week, seeing heavy cut in most areas being harvested. Rain in later part of week well timed for many to encourage re-growth. Some fields unfortunately too wet to mow, seeing a lot of buttercups. Lots of rain previously accentuated by more and more fields in need of drainage a likely cause. Field corn looking good as temperatures increase, and adequate moisture conditions. Most all now emerged and at early leaf stages. Checking for armyworms as reports of them in various locations elsewhere, another result of a cold, wet spring.

GRAFTON, Heather Bryant

This was a good week weather-wise for farms to catch up on haying, but some fields are still too wet. Armyworms were found in field corn on three farms in Grafton County. Thus far the damage is minimal and the growing points are still underground.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending June 17th, dry conditions prevailed until the end of the week. Light rain on Thursday and Friday totaled less than 0.5 inches. Several days with no rain gave farmers the opportunity to chop haylage and in a few cases, finish up on planting corn and other spring seeded crops. Most of the field corn is now planted in Grafton County. A few wet fields are still frustrating farmers efforts to plant and or harvest hay crops. A few farms are indicating that there may have been some thinning of grass populations in some hay fields. At this point it is hard to tell if cause was winter kill or the effect of cool wet weather which may have slowed plant growth early in the spring.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Pests: Rose chafer, four-lined plant bug, Colorado potato beetle and striped cucumber beetle are around. Apple scab can be found in apple orchards. Peach Leaf Curl seen in peaches. Vegetables: Transplanting tomato and pepper plants in field, and making successive planting vegetable crops. Harvesting early season vegetables such as green, spinach, asparagus, radishes and rhubarb. Fruit: First strawberries harvested. Fruit growers monitoring pest and crop development and applying cover sprays for pest control. Apple orchardists are waiting to see what their thinning sprays did to the apple crop. Mowing orchard floor and weed spraying under trees. Field Crops: Planting and weed spraying corn fields. Farmers starting to make haylage. First baled hay made. Grass maturing fast. Baling rye straw.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

It was a much better week for field work. The week began hot with highs in the low 90s, plenty of sunshine, and a light breeze. Tuesday afternoon brought rain and thunderstorms to Cheshire County while Sullivan County remained dry. Temperatures cooled down through the week and ended in the mid-60s with rain showers on Friday. Approximately 0.75 inches fell. The weekend was dry and muggy, with highs in the mid-70s to low 80s. Farmers kept busy planting corn and harvesting first cut hay. The hot temperatures early in the week were optimal for corn growth. Some fields do remain saturated, impacting corn planting and hay drying. A few producers reported giving up on planting corn on some of the wetter fields. Vegetable producers were busy planting remaining crops and harvesting early crops for their CSAs, farm stands, and farmers markets.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Glad we got rain this week. Previous week was hot and dry. Need rain and high humidity to kill more gypsy moth caterpillars.

ALL RI COUNTIES, George Goulart

We have had unusual heat this week and fields are still trying to dry out. Progress is being made on planting of field crops and some hay is being cut. There is a delay in crop plantings due to the wet spring.

VERMONT

ADDISON, Jeffrey Carter

Continued rain is negatively impacting crop conditions. A great deal of haying was done this past weekend, however access to some fields remains difficult.

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

A drier week made field work progress

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Much first cut hay done in Franklin County this week. Manure applications on first cut ground happening as harvest gets done. Some second cut harvest showing up and regrowth is super over all. Corn is getting to N test stage, however, much variation due to timing of planting. Pastures are improving daily with the sunshine. Gardens are growing like weeds and look like they will catch up on the late planting. Fruits are doing great, however, some spots of mold in strawberries