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Good week for field work: New England averaged 5 days suitable for field work last week. Weather conditions remained wet in New England throughout the week. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below to 11 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.00 to 4.80 inches throughout the region. Hot, damp and cloudy conditions persisted throughout the week, resulting in high moisture levels in topsoil. The higher soil moisture has made harvesting crops more challenging for most growers. Cranberries and blueberries were being closely monitored for pests and reduced sizes. Vegetable crops were progressing nicely and corn was looking better as the growing season progressed. Orchardists began harvesting the first of their apple crops. The quality of second cut hay seemed to have improved from the first cutting in some areas as a result of more rain and improved water tables. Field activities for the week included treating fields for pests, tillage, side-dressing fields with fertilizer, cultivating, mowing weeds, as well as equipment repair and maintenance.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 12, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	6	54	28	12
SUBSOIL	10	47	31	12

Crop Conditions as of August 12, 2018 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	6	56	38
BARLEY (ME)	0	0	0	90	10
BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME)	0	0	25	52	23
CORN	0	2	8	73	17
DRY HAY	0	2	55	31	12
OATS (ME)	0	0	0	90	10
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	16	35	44	0
PEACHES	3	3	13	60	21
PEARS	0	0	12	76	12
POTATOES (ME)	0	0	29	71	0
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	0	1	14	33	52
SWEET CORN	0	1	8	65	26

Crop Progress as of August 12, 2018 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): HARVESTED	21	15	N/A
DRY HAY: 2nd CUTTING	84	81	68
DRY HAY: 3rd CUTTING	37	27	23
PEACHES: HARVESTED	13	9	19
PEARS: HARVESTED	5	<5	<5
POTATOES (ME): HARVESTED	6	<5	N/A
SWEET CORN: HARVESTED	22	17	21

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August 12, 2018 New England Weekly Weather Summary

Notice please be advised, the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Weather Data Tables may be discontinued for budget reasons. This includes the possibility of discontinuing the weather data narratives and graphics Please contact your local NASS Regional Field Office with comments or compliments regarding this issue. The Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report's Crop Progress and Condition data will remain and be available.

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2018					
		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	57	72	+3	0.64	2	16.02	+0.20	63	1589	+119	2716
	BANGOR INTERNAT	94	54	73	+5	0.98	2	20.73	+4.98	60	1534	+172	2658
	BETHEL 6 SSE	91	50	72	+6	1.13	2	13.85	-10.70	43	1296	-46	2219
	BRIDGTON 3 NW	88	52	72	+5	0.37	1	11.66	-7.62	44	1456	+188	2548
	CARIBOU WFO	88	51	70	+5	2.41	3	17.02	+1.95	62	1394	+274	2460
	DOVER-FOXCROFT	90	51	72	+6	0.51	3	13.45	-2.90	50	1348	+158	2389
	DURHAM	92	51	73	+7	1.14	3	14.98	-2.78	51	1386	+133	2468
	EAST SURRY	90	53	72	+5	0.51	4	14.87	-2.35	52	1276	+16	2345
	EUSTIS	90	51	70	+7	0.30	3	14.78	-1.76	46	1044	+103	2020
	FRENCHVILLE NOR	87	52	71	+7	2.79	2	15.33	-0.18	68	1433	+414	2494
	HARMONY	96	47	72	+6	1.30	3	15.30	-2.78	48	1519	+229	2562
	HOLLIS	91	51	73	+5	0.63	3	15.98	-3.54	55	1452	+120	2512
	HOULTON AIRPORT	86	46	68	+3	0.43	4	15.56	-0.49	70	1268	+170	2316
	LIVERMORE FALLS	91	48	73	+6	0.17	2	15.42	-6.42	44	1381	+16	2448
	MILLINOCKET MUN	89	54	72	+5	0.20	2	18.12	+1.84	64	1484	+178	2578
	MOOSEHEAD	86	50	69	+5	0.69	4	16.79	-0.68	53	1139	+110	2098
	PORTLAND JETPOR	92	58	73	+4	0.62	4	19.93	+2.94	60	1592	+188	2724
	RANGELEY	87	48	69	+5	0.86	3	15.58	-1.19	61	1117	+141	2140
	TOPSFIELD 2	90	55	73	+6	0.26	2	18.61	+0.90	50	1395	+154	2476
	TURNER	90	54	74	+5	0.18	2	14.65	-3.17	51	1584	+182	2692
	WEST ROCKPORT 1	92	58	75	+7	0.42	4	15.84	-2.42	44	1496	+236	2610
	WHITING	93	49	74	+8	0.76	3	16.02	-1.66	33	1346	+292	2358
	WOODLAND	95	61	78	+9	0.56	3	13.03	-2.97	40	1729	+423	2789
New Hampshire	BERLIN	87	47	70	+4	0.06	1	15.97	-0.62	52	1335	+68	2415
	BRADFORD 2	90	59	73	+7	1.50	3	16.58	-5.73	45	1460	+81	2526
	COLEBROOK 3SW	87	44	68	+4	0.63	4	12.94	-3.71	53	980	-100	1929
	CONCORD MUNICIPAL	95	59	70	0	4.80	5	22.98	+7.14	67	1798	+242	2919
	EAST MILFORD	92	62	75	+5	4.02	3	22.06	+3.68	46	1826	+228	2954
	EPPING	92	60	75	+6	1.36	3	18.57	+0.80	55	1667	+98	2743
	ERROL AIRPORT	87	44	68	+4	0.46	3	14.61	-1.49	55	1128	+74	2160
	HANCOCK	89	60	75	+6	0.06	1	10.55	-9.24	27	1250	-244	2092
	JAFFREY SILVER	91	63	75	+7	2.73	3	22.09	+3.30	48	1830	+420	2941
	JEFFERSON	89	51	71	+8	0.46	5	17.59	+0.98	55	1385	+288	2428
	KEENE	91	59	74	+5	1.98	3	19.81	+2.64	53	1594	+51	2684
	LAKEPORT 2	94	60	77	+6	1.94	2	15.21	-2.54	42	1874	+238	2992
	LEBANON MUNICIPAL	91	55	71	+1	0.26	4	19.52	+4.97	70	1802	+195	2922
	LYNDEBOROUGH	88	57	72	+1	2.14	5	18.81	+1.40	57	1680	+212	2790
	NORTH CONWAY	93	54	74	+7	0.25	3	15.48	-3.45	53	1664	+308	2771
	TAMWORTH 4	86	48	70	+3	0.99	3	16.87	-3.26	48	1282	-32	2347
	WOLFEBORO	86	60	74	+7	1.23	3	16.31	-3.82	54	1714	+400	2840
Vermont	AVERILL	87	43	67	+1	0.54	3	9.79	-7.14	52	1180	-129	2176
	BARRE MONTPELIE	88	47	68	+1	0.26	5	18.54	+2.83	74	1395	+91	2488
	BENNINGTON MORS	89	62	70	+3	1.06	5	20.92	+3.81	74	1691	+262	2815
	BURLINGTON WSO	94	56	75	+5	0.72	4	19.86	+4.11	76	2045	+411	3176
	CORINTH	85	48	68	+4	0.11	4	16.22	-6.45	55	1220	+73	2267
	JOHNSON	88	48	69	+4	0.21	3	13.38	-5.70	49	1232	-14	2241
	MARLBORO RAWES	82	57	70	-2	0.67	5	22.43	+4.07	55	1344	-428	2307

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	NEWPORT	89	51	71	+5	0.88	3	19.07	+2.14	63	1444	+135	2508
	ROCHESTER	88	50	71	+5	0.40	1	12.42	-7.22	40	1274	+6	2272
	RUTLAND	88	54	72	+5	0.63	2	15.92	-1.18	53	1523	+58	2604
	SAINT JOHNSBURY	91	50	73	+4	0.42	4	17.88	+1.64	58	1696	+116	2810
	SOUTH LINCOLN	85	51	69	+4	0.58	3	13.41	-6.60	48	1136	-75	2100
	SPRINGFIELD HAR	91	57	70	+2	0.47	5	18.65	+1.43	70	1602	+152	2700
	SUTTON	95	44	69	+6	0.05	3	15.65	-2.45	62	1308	+235	2360
	WOODSTOCK	92	53	73	+5	0.13	2	16.36	+0.15	51	1629	+170	2708
Massachusetts	AMHERST	91	62	77	+7	2.59	3	24.32	+6.57	52	1935	+271	3070
	BARRE FALLS DAM	97	61	78	+11	3.70	3	18.73	+0.54	45	1992	+656	3088
	BEDFORD HANSCOM	94	66	74	+2	1.37	4	19.31	+2.17	58	1958	+133	3120
	BEVERLY MUNICIP	94	65	75	+5	2.22	3	19.65	+2.57	66	1836	+265	3016
	BIRCH HILL DAM	91	60	74	+6	4.17	4	24.12	+5.83	58	1728	+279	2834
	BOSTON/LOGAN IN	96	67	77	+4	2.81	4	20.07	+4.31	65	2111	+247	3308
	CHATHAM MUNICIP	87	65	74	+4	0.60	3	13.31	-2.90	68	1598	+65	2789
	CHICOPEE WESTOV	92	64	72	+1	1.85	6	25.18	+6.17	60	1970	+248	3112
	EAST BRIMFIELD	92	63	76	+6	2.62	6	21.42	+3.88	59	1717	+77	2708
	EDGARTOWN	88	67	77	+5	0.00	0	12.13	-4.00	44	1628	-38	2774
	FITCHBURG MUNIC	92	63	73	+1	4.07	5	24.55	+6.28	70	1938	+140	3121
	GREENFIELD NO.	92	61	76	+7	1.88	3	20.10	+1.21	42	1802	+254	2883
	HYANNIS BARNSTA	88	69	76	+5	0.37	3	14.72	-1.16	60	1740	+122	2910
	LAWRENCE	92	67	78	+5	2.81	4	18.70	+0.89	49	2061	+213	3200
	LENOX DALE	91	60	73	+4	1.27	4	11.58	-7.47	46	1690	+214	2787
	LOWELL	96	65	78	+7	2.15	1	17.26	-0.24	49	1907	+168	3038
	NEW BEDFORD MUN	94	62	76	+6	0.92	3	15.53	-1.47	63	1836	+206	3009
	NORTH ADAMS HAR	89	63	70	+2	2.76	5	20.79	+1.52	76	1672	+163	2792
	NORWOOD MEMORIA	94	63	76	+6	2.45	4	20.04	+2.73	59	2072	+442	3289
	PITTSFIELD MUNI	89	63	70	+3	2.66	5	20.06	+1.66	78	1695	+304	2812
	PLYMOUTH MUNICI	94	68	77	+6	1.72	4	18.45	+1.30	66	1898	+306	3092
	TAUNTON MUNICIP	94	64	76	+5	2.33	3	19.17	+2.00	60	1929	+221	3103
	WESTFIELD BARNE	94	66	73	+2	0.55	5	25.37	+6.36	71	1972	+250	3126
	WORCESTER	87	63	71	+1	1.57	5	22.65	+4.35	67	1806	+204	2944
	WORTHINGTON	88	57	72	+5	3.22	3	25.82	+5.72	54	1473	+170	2491
Rhode Island	NEWPORT STATE A	88	68	76	+4	0.06	1	12.63	-4.04	61	1740	+74	2917
	PROVIDENCE	93	68	77	+4	2.02	5	18.84	+2.58	63	2068	+174	3282
	WESTERLY STATE	91	68	77	+6	0.79	3	15.61	-1.69	69	1884	+277	3078
	WOONSOCKET	94	64	79	+7	0.98	3	17.44	-0.84	48	2046	+267	3214
Connecticut	BRIDGEPORT/SIKO	92	71	78	+4	0.73	5	21.54	+4.95	77	2146	+180	3361
	BURLINGTON	89	60	74	+2	0.98	3	22.93	+2.45	63	1751	-16	2830
	DANBURY MUNICIP	89	67	74	+4	1.47	5	27.97	+8.66	75	1938	+204	3098
	HARTFORD-BRADLE	93	67	75	+2	3.19	6	28.73	+10.41	77	2136	+178	3312
	MERIDEN MARKHAM	92	67	75	+3	1.43	5	23.11	+5.96	76	2003	+144	3184
	NORFOLK 2 SW	88	60	73	+5	1.71	3	23.16	+2.77	62	1679	+260	2788
	NORWICH PUB UTI	94	65	79	+7	0.12	3	16.00	-3.09	51	2064	+230	3224
	STAFFORDVILLE	89	60	74	+4	1.12	4	23.67	+4.70	51	1689	+121	2805
	WEST THOMPSON L	89	60	76	+6	1.27	3	19.86	+0.30	50	1817	+208	2959
	WILLIMANTIC WIN	91	62	77	+5	2.59	3	20.16	+2.24	64	2054	+298	3249

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data. DFN = departure from normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Climate normals used are for the 1981-2010 period.

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

LITCHFIELD, Richard Meinert

Rain continues to delay hay harvest. Even when the weather cooperates the ground is still too wet to drive on.

NEW LONDON, Sarah Kubik

Heavy rains over weekend, more rain forecasted for the coming week. Peaches, watermelons, potatoes being harvested.

MAINE

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Cloudy, damp conditions have stopped hay harvesting. Blueberries, early apples, peaches and raspberries are being picked. Farm stands have plenty of vegetables available.

HANCOCK/PENOBSCOT, Valerie Porter

Farm stands are full with lots of veggies. Second crop of hay is being harvested and is in fair to good condition. Steady rain is helping with most crops. Corn looks very good and tall. Wild Blueberries are being harvested reported being small in areas with not enough rain. Others say they look okay.

MASSACHUSETTS

BARNSTABLE/BRISTOL/DUKES/NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH, Dr. Peter Jeranyama

Conditions remain very hot on the bogs. Growers should monitor closely and do in-day cooling as needed and as they feel comfortable doing so. Bud set fertilizer should be applied now. Cranberry fruit worm egg inspection should be winding down. Mid-August through mid-September is the time for collecting tissue for nutrient analysis.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

Heavy rain this past weekend has certainly help water tables to recover, which will in turn will help with cranberry harvest flooding. However, in some cases, cranberry growers will now be concerned with excess moisture causing fruit rot.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Two days without rain; the weather continues to be soupy the rest of the time. Corn and hay crops continuing to grow well, though conditions are poor for harvesting forages. Most vegetable crops seem to be doing OK. PYO berries continues, though wet weather has put a significant damper on the number of people who are willing to come out and pick.

COOS, Steve Turaj

Scattered rain conditions especially in beginning of the week, with temperatures staying fairly warm for this time of year. Nice regrowth of meadows, some manure spreading on recent ones. Most corn now in silk, a little further along perhaps on earliest planted fields. Generally, looks rather good considering early season's slow start.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

Rain showers last week continued to deliver various amounts around the county. Some areas received almost no rainfall where other areas received close to 4 inches. Orford received a total of 0.14 inches last week. Top soils in the south western corner of the county (Lebanon Area) received the most rain. Top soils in that area are saturated. Soils in the central western area along the CT River are still deficient. The hay crop is beginning to show some indications of recovery, but there is still a significant reduction in hay yields due to the extremely dry conditions from earlier in the spring and summer. The corn crop appears to be doing better as the season progresses. Corn has tasseled and rains arrived at the right time to help ear development along. We still have a couple of months to go before the end of the season before the final results are in.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Vegetables: very good demand for produce at most local farmers' markets and farm stands. Farmers kept busy harvesting, cultivating, hoeing weeds, monitoring pest pressures, spraying pesticides for insects and diseases. Growers harvesting an array of vegetables including: beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, greens, lettuce, potatoes, radishes, snap beans, summer squash. Continue seeing high numbers of corn earworm numbers being caught in traps during week. Fruit: peach, blueberry and raspberry harvest continues. Harvesting first apples. Fruit growers are monitoring pest and crop development and apply sprays for pest control. Also, growers are training young fruit trees along with mowing orchard floors. Moving bins to orchard. Field crops: It has been tough lately for farmers to bale hay or make haylage, because rain showers. Quality of first dry bale hay cutting is poor because of lateness and over-mature. Second hay crop is looking good now that we have gotten rain. Silage corn is rapid growing.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Good, soaking rain on 8/5/18. All of RI received at least one inch of rain.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Rain fell at quantities to maintain moisture levels at par in Franklin County this week. Hay harvest continues with yields down and quality up. Corn continues to look great. Ears are in the development stage. Apples are beginning to show yields and it is looking good. Now for some red to appear. Sweet corn is at its peak so get some in the freezer to enjoy when we are freezing instead of sweating.