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Fair week for field work: New England averaged 3 days suitable for field work last week. Rain and cold weather continued throughout the New England States. Snow also arrived in many areas, but only stayed on the ground for a day or so. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.06 to 2.90 inches throughout the region. Most field activities were drawing to a close for the winter. A few crops were still in the field, including soybeans in central Maine. Corn harvest was complete and yields were reported as average or above average. Cranberry harvest was nearing completion as well. Reports indicated that the excess rain had a negative impact on fruit color development. Rain continued to recharge springs, wells, and ground water. Few farmers were hoping to harvest more cuttings of hay but most were finished. Field activities for the week included spreading vole bait in orchards, cleaning up fields, spreading manure, and putting away farm equipment.

Crop Progress as of November 11, 2018

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
CRANBERRIES (MA): HARVESTED	96	77	88
DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING	96	90	N/A
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	89	85	93
PEARS: HARVESTED	96	91	94

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 11, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	0	56	44
SUBSOIL	0	2	77	21

Crop Conditions as of November 11, 2018

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
PASTURE AND RANGE	24	52	11	12	1
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	0	3	8	34	55

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oce/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

November 11, 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	60	27	40	0	1.50	4	29.47	+1.94	98	2413	+229	4220
	BANGOR INTERNAT	61	25	40	0	1.90	4	33.97	+7.01	102	2294	+290	4099
	BETHEL 6 SSE	59	25	38	-1	1.74	3	25.15	-14.13	72	2013	0	3562
	BRIDGTON 3 NW	58	25	39	0	2.06	4	26.27	-6.42	75	2124	+298	3846
	CARIBOU WFO	53	22	37	+2	0.95	2	27.62	+2.11	103	2000	+434	3630
	DOVER-FOXCROFT	57	23	39	+2	0.76	3	25.02	-2.91	86	2000	+292	3658
	DURHAM	59	26	39	0	2.01	4	29.95	-0.36	93	2120	+294	3855
	EAST SURRY	59	23	40	0	2.06	4	33.51	+3.21	94	1924	+70	3666
	FRENCHVILLE NOR	51	22	36	+3	0.46	2	23.46	-1.62	106	2054	+650	3670
	HARMONY	62	24	38	-1	1.22	3	27.56	-2.47	85	2220	+306	3856
	HOLLIS	57	24	38	-1	2.33	4	32.86	+0.19	97	2148	+224	3837
	HOULTON AIRPORT	54	22	37	+1	1.17	2	26.60	-0.13	103	1800	+242	3384
	LIVERMORE FALLS	59	23	38	-1	1.46	4	27.03	-8.50	80	2070	+48	3738
	MILLINOCKET MUN	57	24	38	0	1.53	3	29.49	+1.50	103	2140	+278	3848
	MOOSEHEAD	48	24	38	+2	0.85	4	27.62	-1.42	96	1645	+163	3132
	PORTLAND JETPOR	61	26	41	0	2.17	4	36.62	+7.34	96	2493	+374	4346
	RANGELEY	49	21	34	-1	0.83	5	28.89	+0.81	106	1697	+296	3296
	TOPSFIELD 2	56	24	39	+2	1.89	4	31.94	+2.37	81	2021	+207	3704
	TURNER	59	26	38	-1	1.77	4	26.85	-3.21	86	2340	+285	4088
	WEST ROCKPORT 1	58	28	43	+2	2.18	4	31.05	-0.94	84	2276	+362	4105
	WHITING	59	27	43	+3	2.42	4	30.48	+0.57	66	2020	+404	3719
	WOODLAND	59	31	42	+3	1.56	4	26.43	-1.96	74	2490	+568	4202
New Hampshire	BERLIN	54	23	38	0	1.00	4	28.33	+0.02	95	1944	+130	3636
	BRADFORD 2	55	25	39	-1	1.59	2	36.25	-0.94	83	2223	+196	3938
	COLEBROOK 3SW	51	19	35	0	0.57	2	22.96	-4.98	95	1502	-32	2996
	CONCORD MUNICIPAL	60	23	39	-2	1.82	4	38.27	+11.77	101	2762	+476	4562
	EAST MILFORD	60	27	42	0	2.09	3	43.02	+13.31	83	2707	+383	4532
	EPPING	61	26	41	0	1.99	4	36.53	+6.85	91	2558	+254	4330
	ERROL AIRPORT	51	23	36	+1	1.31	4	29.59	+2.52	101	1710	+196	3320
	HANCOCK	57	24	39	-1	1.58	4	25.96	-6.87	62	1948	-236	3348
	JAFFREY SILVER	57	28	41	+1	1.88	4	42.26	+11.42	82	2752	+706	4559
	JEFFERSON	53	23	37	0	0.81	4	28.95	+1.23	98	2026	+480	3696
	KEENE	57	24	38	-2	1.73	4	35.34	+6.49	91	2478	+210	4247
	LAKEPORT 2	58	29	41	0	1.65	4	29.56	+0.31	80	2768	+320	4571
	LEBANON MUNICIPAL	58	22	40	-1	1.20	5	31.99	+6.70	112	2726	+390	4543
	LYNDEBOROUGH	57	22	40	-1	1.09	4	31.98	+1.92	99	2542	+344	4360
	NORTH CONWAY	59	26	40	+1	2.00	4	32.24	+0.42	103	2428	+486	4198
	TAMWORTH 4	55	23	37	-2	2.46	4	35.85	+2.25	93	1878	+19	3531
	WOLFEBORO	57	31	42	+3	1.76	4	31.94	-1.66	95	2536	+677	4343
Vermont	AVERILL	47	18	34	-3	0.68	3	15.90	-12.26	88	1697	-176	3250
	BARRE MONTPELIE	52	20	37	-2	1.13	4	29.24	+3.57	119	2142	+264	3878
	BENNINGTON MORS	56	24	40	0	1.19	4	33.96	+6.10	116	2678	+598	4516
	BURLINGTON WSO	55	28	41	0	0.80	4	33.36	+6.87	116	3090	+704	4936
	CORINTH	47	23	36	0	1.64	3	28.01	-8.89	97	1828	+224	3498
	JOHNSON	51	22	37	0	1.22	4	29.67	-1.27	98	1884	+114	3504
	MARLBORO RAWES	53	24	37	-5	2.36	3	39.09	+7.86	94	2038	-578	3638
	NEWPORT	52	23	36	0	1.25	4	32.09	+3.93	107	2142	+270	3832

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	ROCHESTER	65	14	37	-3	1.46	4	25.26	-7.18	79	2036	+170	3704
	RUTLAND	55	25	39	0	0.97	3	27.48	-0.67	98	2311	+230	4076
	SAINT JOHNSBURY	54	24	39	0	1.17	3	30.14	+3.02	103	2564	+281	4362
	SOUTH LINCOLN	52	21	36	-2	1.04	3	26.97	-6.79	89	1732	-5	3292
	SPRINGFIELD HAR	57	22	38	-2	1.74	5	32.34	+3.20	112	2479	+368	4252
	SUTTON	50	20	35	0	1.46	5	30.76	+1.82	109	1952	+433	3612
	WOODSTOCK	56	25	38	-1	1.70	3	29.24	+1.51	92	2452	+348	4169
Massachusetts	AMHERST	61	26	40	-2	1.64	3	44.63	+14.44	91	2995	+537	4845
	BARRE FALLS DAM	60	26	41	+1	1.86	4	36.94	+6.27	76	2956	+1010	4688
	BEDFORD HANSCOM	63	27	44	-1	1.86	4	34.35	+5.70	97	3056	+336	4967
	BEVERLY MUNICIP	62	30	45	+1	2.19	4	36.43	+7.38	108	2912	+523	4856
	BIRCH HILL DAM	58	27	43	+3	0.85	1	43.65	+13.40	99	2598	+513	4356
	BOSTON/LOGAN IN	64	35	49	+2	2.69	4	34.45	+7.96	105	3429	+528	5462
	CHATHAM MUNICIP	61	34	49	+2	2.24	4	26.19	-2.15	107	2774	+298	4791
	CHICOPEE WESTOV	62	26	43	+1	1.28	5	43.03	+10.75	100	3103	+547	5000
	EAST BRIMFIELD	61	28	42	-1	1.27	4	41.57	+12.08	105	2692	+257	4372
	EDGARTOWN	63	35	51	+2	2.87	3	25.60	-2.27	81	2845	+111	4819
	FITCHBURG MUNIC	60	25	41	-2	1.94	4	45.98	+15.94	111	2952	+297	4852
	GREENFIELD NO.	61	27	41	-1	1.64	3	38.66	+7.12	81	2750	+480	4514
	HYANNIS BARNSTA	63	34	49	+2	2.60	4	27.40	-0.69	99	2916	+374	4902
	LAWRENCE	61	32	44	-1	2.08	4	36.99	+7.16	92	3132	+320	5021
	LENOX DALE	56	24	39	-1	1.00	4	23.59	-7.38	84	2586	+424	4372
	LOWELL	62	28	43	0	1.96	3	31.69	+2.06	79	2872	+278	4688
	NEW BEDFORD MUN	65	32	47	+2	2.20	4	31.60	+2.61	105	2980	+491	4938
	NORTH ADAMS HAR	57	25	40	-2	1.15	4	35.12	+3.03	114	2651	+436	4484
	NORWOOD MEMORIA	65	30	47	+4	0.06	4	35.65	+6.59	99	3302	+906	5300
	PITTSFIELD MUNI	57	24	40	-1	1.28	4	36.76	+5.86	119	2671	+643	4498
	PLYMOUTH MUNICI	68	32	49	+4	2.69	4	37.20	+8.06	106	3128	+696	5138
	TAUNTON MUNICIP	67	27	46	+1	2.90	4	38.02	+8.11	98	3095	+527	5043
	WESTFIELD BARNE	61	25	41	-1	1.57	4	46.51	+14.23	112	3080	+524	4972
	WORCESTER	57	28	41	-2	2.08	4	42.75	+12.17	109	2741	+338	4592
	WORTHINGTON	56	23	38	-1	1.78	3	44.64	+11.23	96	2264	+362	3954
Rhode Island	NEWPORT STATE A	63	34	48	+1	2.36	4	31.49	+3.14	103	2930	+270	4930
	PROVIDENCE	65	31	47	0	2.42	4	38.93	+11.08	100	3304	+377	5314
	WESTERLY STATE	64	31	48	+2	2.19	4	33.23	+3.46	109	3167	+648	5174
	WOONSOCKET	64	29	45	+1	2.57	3	39.17	+8.18	91	3164	+478	5070
Connecticut	BRIDGEPORT/SIKO	63	33	48	0	1.70	3	40.56	+13.32	117	3537	+447	5590
	BURLINGTON	59	25	41	-3	1.60	4	45.35	+10.42	105	2736	+94	4530
	DANBURY MUNICIP	62	26	43	-1	1.23	4	41.62	+8.98	112	3072	+499	4982
	HARTFORD-BRADLE	64	27	43	-2	1.63	4	46.73	+16.57	112	3344	+422	5285
	MERIDEN MARKHAM	65	23	43	-1	1.67	4	40.90	+10.78	113	3220	+422	5163
	NORFOLK 2 SW	54	26	39	-1	1.37	4	42.96	+8.88	108	2552	+472	4348
	NORWICH PUB UTI	63	31	46	+1	2.20	3	39.06	+6.00	88	3320	+547	5274
	STAFFORDVILLE	59	26	42	-1	1.76	4	40.64	+8.98	85	2644	+280	4486
	WEST THOMPSON L	59	26	43	+1	2.25	3	41.11	+9.28	88	2787	+411	4642
	WILLIMANTIC WIN	63	26	43	-1	1.88	4	39.71	+9.07	101	3176	+542	5109

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

No reporter comments available.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Rain and cold weather has probably ended any tillage until spring. A wet fall caused some small lots of potatoes to be left in the ground. The dry hay crop was a disaster. Some large lots are coming in from Canada. A lot of the soybeans are still in the field.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Cool and rainy week. Farmers markets have moved inside for the winter. A few crops are still in the field that may not get harvested.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Winter is here. This area has a snow cover with more on the way. Ski slopes are opening. Grain corn harvest is still in progress. Some soybeans could be abandoned.

MASSACHUSETTS

BARNSTABLE/BRISTOL/DUKES/NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH,

Dr. Peter Jeranyama

Crop is coming in (by unofficial estimates) likely above NASS August projections. As of November 11, 90% of the crop has been delivered, according to the largest handler of MA cranberries. Color has been slow to come on, even for this time of year, for some locations and some varieties (noticeably Stevens). Multiple rain events forecasted for the week of 11/13 do not bode well for any remaining acreage that will be dry harvested.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

As the cranberry season approaches the end, it was very apparent that the excess rain had a negative impact on fruit quality. Especially during the last couple of weeks of harvest.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

Winter is here. Snow arrived last week to many areas, but only stayed on the ground for a day or so. A few farms are still chopping haylage or round baling haylage. Fall field activities will be drawing to a close for the winter.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Fruit: Orchardists busy marketing crop. Orchardists getting ready to paint tree trunks of young trees. Also, spreading vole bait in orchards. Vegetables: Farmers are cleaning up fields, picking up plastic mulch, drip tape, trellis stakes and irrigation equipment and soil testing fields for next season. Farmers are 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.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Seasonable weather.

VERMONT

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Rains continue to recharge ground water in Franklin County this week. Freezing temperatures are firming up soils for any late grain harvests. Closing in on manure spreading ban for 12/15/2018 and less window with snow and freezing soils. Good time to get gardens cleaned up and mulched for next crop season which, technically, is here.

ORLEANS, David Blodgett

The area is seeing a lot of rain this past week. This is a good thing considering the dry summer. Some farms are still short on water but the wet fall is helping to recharge springs and wells. A number of farms needed to drill new wells this summer. Cropping is nearly complete now. A few farms are hoping to harvest more fourth season. The corn yields were at or above average. The corn matured earlier this season with the dry summer so farmers could harvest earlier. This allowed cover crops to be seeded earlier as well. The result is a lot of winter rye growth this fall. This will help with erosion this winter and spring and will contribute to good soil health. The hay crop was about average however some farmers felt the yields were down 10 to 20%. It all depended where your farm was in relation to the rain showers during the dry summer. The quality of the hay crop was very good since farmers were able to harvest at optimum times. Grazing suffered this summer with the dry weather but it was a good fall. Activity this week included a small amount of hay harvest and manure spreading.