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Excellent week for field work: New England averaged 6 days suitable for field work last week. New England experienced a great week weather wise. Warm, dry conditions with occasional overnight rain was reported throughout the region. Farmers were busy with most operations finishing up planting. Field crops planted earlier were emerging well. Weather conditions were ideal for lots of first cuttings of hay and haylage. Lots of tobacco, tomatoes, and peppers were transplanted last week. Crops were reported as growing well on vegetable operations, with some reporting first harvest of strawberries, various greens, bok choy, radishes, asparagus, and rhubarb. Fruit growers were monitoring pest and crop development and applying cover sprays for pest control. Grapes were showing at 3" to 10" shoot growth and producers were beginning to spray fungicide to control phomopsis and black rot. Field activities for the week included plowing, disking, fertilizing, and applying fungicide sprays.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 9, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	7	60	30
SUBSOIL	3	6	57	34

Crop Conditions as of June 9, 2019 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
DRY HAY	0	9	33	56	2
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	8	16	62	14
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	0	11	35	42	12

Crop Progress as of June 9, 2019 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PINK	99	92	80	N/A
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	90	79	51	N/A
APPLES: PETAL FALL	47	32	38	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	18	8	27	51
BARLEY (ME): PLANTED	95	85	N/A	N/A
BARLEY (ME): EMERGED	50	<5	N/A	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: GREEN TIP	99	94	92	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PINK	93	81	69	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FULL BLOOM	65	47	49	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PETAL FALL	35	10	40	59
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FRUIT SET	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, WILD (ME): FULL BLOOM	55	10	65	54
CORN: PLANTED	68	41	86	87
CORN: EMERGED	22	9	66	64
CRANBERRIES (MA): GREEN TIP	100	85	N/A	N/A
DRY HAY: 1st CUTTING	30	10	46	4
OATS (ME): PLANTED	95	80	N/A	N/A
OATS (ME): EMERGED	40	<5	N/A	N/A
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	99	88	91	N/A
PEACHES: PINK	90	72	78	N/A
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	64	40	58	N/A
PEACHES: PETAL FALL	49	18	43	N/A
PEACHES: FRUIT SET	23	8	22	48
PEARS: GREEN TIP	99	87	90	N/A
PEARS: PINK	89	47	72	N/A
PEARS: FULL BLOOM	61	17	54	N/A
PEARS: PETAL FALL	40	<5	31	58
PEARS: FRUIT SET	12	<5	23	N/A
POTATOES (ME): PLANTED	81	40	62	N/A
POTATOES (ME): EMERGED	5	<5	7	28
SPRING TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	88	68	90	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: GREEN TIP	94	67	75	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: PINK	72	47	60	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	56	30	46	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: PETAL FALL	43	10	29	55
STRAWBERRIES: FRUIT SET	16	N/A	18	35
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	59	39	54	67

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

Presidedress N testing corn. Corn planting is about half finished. First cutting hay and haylage is progressing. Some areas of fields still too wet for equipment. Farmers seem to be working around the wet spots for the most part.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Dry weather got everyone into the fields. Most operations have finished planting. Grain emerged very quickly and looks excellent. Broccoli planting will continue for another month. Hay fields look full and green. Excellent crop of black berries this year.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Finally, summer weather has arrived! Farmers are busy planting corn and the areas that were too wet earlier. Some dry hay was made over the weekend. Highbush blueberries and raspberries have winter damage.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Lots of hay down. There should be a lot of hay harvested today before it rains tonight. Planting is moving right along. Transplants are doing well and with summer like conditions this weekend, seeds should begin to sprout. Peas and early plantings are doing well. Lilacs are still in full bloom here!

WASHINGTON, Audre Hayward

Cold wet weather-wild blueberries have gotten some mummy berry.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Great week weather wise! Warm, dry conditions ideal for hay making and planting silage corn. Strawberry harvest underway. Transplanting of cigar binder tobacco in full swing. Some reports of hemp being transplanted. Good growth on all crops!

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

Spring frost season is still on going and all cultivars are at 29.5 F tolerance. This time growers are putting in startup fertilizer. On herbicides, Callisto is being sprayed in. For insecticides, sprays are still going on for cranberry weevil, black headed fireworm, spag, cutworms and spanworms. Pollinating bees are expected in the next week.

HAMPSHIRE/HAMPDEN, Heather Baylis

With six days of mid-70's temperatures farmers made excellent progress this week. Pastures are growing faster than livestock can eat. The first capped honey is showing up in hives. Orchardists are turning to insect control now that trees are starting to set fruit. A lot of Tobacco was transplanted this week. Also many tomatoes and pepper transplants were hitting the soil. The first strawberries are hitting the farmer's markets along with various greens, bok choy, radishes, asparagus and rhubarb.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

We are finally seeing some beneficial weather for growing cranberries. Growers are just hoping that plant progress is not so far behind that we can't catch up.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Warm and sunny most of the week, with a great stretch of haying weather towards the end. Lots of forages mowed and baled or chopped over the weekend. Still a few instances of winter injury showing up here and there in stands. Corn is all planted and most of it is up, and emerged fields are growing well. Crops growing well on vegetable operations.

GRAFTON, Heather Bryant

Some fields still too wet to hay or plant. Farms still reporting being 2-3 weeks behind a more typical year.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Vegetables: Laying plastic mulch and drip irrigation tape. Transplanting tomato and pepper plants in field, and making successive planting vegetable crops. Harvesting spinach, asparagus, rhubarb and greens. Fruit: Start of strawberry harvest is around the corner. Fruit growers monitoring pest and crop development and applying cover sprays for pest control. Orchardists applying thinning sprays to apple orchards. Starting to thin peaches. Mowing orchard floor and weed spraying under trees. Field Crops: Planting and weed spraying corn fields. Farmers starting to make haylage and baled hay. Corn has emerged and new seedlings are up and growing. Grasses heading out and maturing, especially orchard grass. Pest Problems: First Striped Cucumber beetle seen. Apple Scab seen in apple orchards and first adults were emerging from overwintering sites. European corn borer first flight continues.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

Despite the cool start to the week and heavy rainfall during the overnight hours on Wednesday, it was a great week for field work. Soil moisture is good, both surface and subsurface. The deluge of rain on Wednesday left some small washouts, but nothing too permanent. A good stretch of warm, dry weather through the weekend allowed farmers to finally put up some dry hay. Farmers continued making haylage, planting field corn and vegetables. The tail end of field corn planting and haylage harvest is likely this week with a few dry days after Tuesday. Blueberries had a high amount of winter damage and there have also been a lot of reports of mummy berry damage. Growers are putting on final sprays for mummy berry, although it is likely too late to control it now, but some sprays do help prevent anthracnose too. Sales at greenhouses and garden shops were slow in May but are picking up. High tunnel grown vegetables are starting to become available with local CSAs beginning soon. More farm stands are slated to open this week.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Some showery weather but not too bad. Fields are drying up nicely.

ALL RI COUNTIES, Michael Sullivan

Continued progress on planting, growth, and development of crops. Some delayed development as a result of early season conditions but short-term forecast causes optimism. No significant reports of disease or pest occurrences. Early gypsy moth observations indicate potential damages to white/red oak forest will be reduced. Significant concerns with fire risks and stand conditions from losses reported last few years.

VERMONT

ALL VT COUNTIES, Terence Bradshaw

First half of the week was more of the same: rain, cold unhappy farmers. Many orchards are rutted up, tractors stuck. The high pressure, dry sunny weather that started Thursday was so welcome. Apple growers are applying thinning and petal fall insecticide sprays. Despite cool weather before and during bloom, sporadic fire blight has shown up in the warmest orchards. Apple scab primary ascospore season is over in nearly all orchards, growers need to check carefully for scab lesions before ending fungicide sprays. Grapes are at 3" to 10" shoot growth depending on site and cultivar. Fungicide sprays are beginning in vineyards to control phomopsis and black rot.

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

Dry end to the week saw lots of corn going in, haylage being chopped and even dry hay being harvested. Strawberries will be ripening soon. Fruit trees are on track for a good season. Pastures are holding up better with the dryer weather.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

What a difference some consecutive days of sunshine have made in Franklin County Vt. this week. Still some wet spots to avoid with much hay harvest and corn planting. Corn is germinating and emerging rapidly with the moisture and warm soil temps making up for some lost time. Grass regrowth is super and much manure being spread with a catch up in this area also. Gardens are in and some strawberries showing up on the roadsides. Still no word on berry condition with the wet weather.

LAMOILLE, Heather Mateja

Warming up and had a dry spell. First cut is in progress.