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Good week for field work: New England averaged 5 days suitable for field work last week. The region experienced wild weather last week with some areas reporting nice warm days with occasional rain while others reported thunder showers, gusty winds, and localized hail and tree damages. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 2.73 degrees below to 5.62 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.08 to 2.12 inches throughout the region. Reports indicated pockets of standing water on some fields but no damage to crops were reported at this time. Farmers were still working on getting the first cuttings of hay, but wet conditions had slowed the harvest last week. Crops on well-drained fields were reported as catching up on growth. Potatoes and grain fields were growing quickly. Corn was reported as tasseling and silking in some areas. Many vegetable growers were also experiencing problems with excessive rain; the wet conditions had slowed process for these producers. Fruits were reported as progressing well. Strawberry harvest was underway in many parts of the region. Fruit growers were continuing to monitor pest, crop development, and apply sprays for pest control. Cranberry growers continued to monitor crop, spray against fruit rot and apply fertilizer. For many cranberry producers, this is the longest they have gone into the season without irrigation. Field activities for the week included side-dressing fertilizer, scouting for pest and spraying, harvesting hay and vegetables.

Crop Conditions as of June 30, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	12	69	19
BARLEY (ME)	0	0	0	50	50
BLUEBERRIES, TAME	0	0	30	42	28
CRANBERRIES (MA)	5	10	20	50	15
DRY HAY	0	0	19	71	10
OATS (ME)	0	0	0	40	60
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	1	6	66	27
PEACHES	2	2	15	52	29
PEARS	0	0	16	59	25
POTATOES (ME)	0	0	0	80	20
QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE	0	1	54	26	19
STRAWBERRIES	1	3	15	57	24
SWEET CORN	0	2	17	73	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 30, 2019

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	0	6	73	21
SUBSOIL	0	6	74	20

Crop Progress as of June 30, 2019

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: PETAL FALL	98	83	82	N/A
APPLES: FRUIT SET	73	43	73	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: PETAL FALL	88	81	70	N/A
BLUEBERRIES, TAME: FRUIT SET	67	53	52	N/A
CORN: PLANTED	98	94	N/A	N/A
CORN: EMERGED	76	65	99	N/A
CRANBERRIES (MA): PINK	75	10	N/A	N/A
DRY HAY: 1st CUTTING	72	62	87	80
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	99	94	85	N/A
PEACHES: PETAL FALL	94	86	77	N/A
PEACHES: FRUIT SET	90	79	65	N/A
PEARS: FULL BLOOM	99	94	80	N/A
PEARS: PETAL FALL	94	84	68	N/A
PEARS: FRUIT SET	84	75	57	N/A
POTATOES (ME): EMERGED	92	68	68	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: FULL BLOOM	99	87	83	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: PETAL FALL	90	69	75	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: FRUIT SET	84	55	66	N/A
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	23	<5	17	39
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	90	81	91	92

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

June 30, 2019 New England Weekly Weather Summary

		Air Temperature Last Week					Precipitation				
State	Station	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Connecticut	NORTHWEST										
	Norfolk 2 Sw	79.1	60.3	69.71	66.54	3.17	0.28	2	-0.74	2.08	-2.46
	Extreme/Average	79.1	60.3	69.71	66.54	3.17	0.28	2	-0.74	2.08	-2.46
	CENTRAL										
	Burlington	N/A	N/A	N/A	69.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.27	-0.76
	Danbury Municipal Ap	84	60.9	72.43	69.7	2.73	0.76	2	-0.12	3.66	-0.53
	Hartford-Bradley International Airport	86.1	64.3	75.21	71.57	3.64	0.38	2	-0.45	2.09	-1.91
	Meriden Markham Municipal Ap	85.4	62.7	74.07	70.83	3.24	0.08	2	-0.81	2.8	-0.93
	Norwich Pub Utility Plant	85.6	64	74.79	70.49	4.3	0.46	2	-0.33	3.99	0.1
	Staffordville	82.1	58.3	70.21	68.06	2.16	0.16	1	-0.77	2.57	-1.67
	West Thompson Lake	83.3	59.7	71.5	68.01	3.49	0.14	1	-0.73	3.29	-0.92
	Willimantic Windham Ap	83.1	61.6	72.36	69.79	2.57	0.26	2	-0.5	2.63	-1.14
	Extreme/Average	84.2	61.6	72.94	69.79	3.16	0.32	2	-0.53	2.91	-0.97
	COASTAL										
	Bridgeport-Success Hill	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.8	N/A	0.58	1	-0.19	2.84	-0.43
	Extreme/Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	71.8	N/A	0.58	1	-0.19	2.84	-0.43
STATE TOTAL	70.7	52.2	61.45	69.43	2.69	0.35	2	-0.52	2.73	-1.19	
Maine	NORTHERN										
	Caribou Wfo	72.4	54.1	63.29	63.53	-0.24	0.42	5	-0.48	2.63	-0.64
	Frenchville Northern Aroostook Ap	71.7	55	63.36	62.24	1.11	0.53	6	-0.55	2.5	-1.16
	Houlton Airport	72.1	51.1	61.64	63.34	-1.7	1.82	6	0.9	4.2	0.76
	Millinocket Municipal Airport	73	54.4	63.71	66.21	-2.5	1.82	5	0.87	4.82	1
	Moosehead	75.9	50.9	63.36	N/A	N/A	0.64	4	-0.34	2.99	-0.76
	Rangeley	77.4	50.8	64.1	62.39	1.72	0.46	1	-0.22	3.64	-0.03
	Extreme/Average	73.8	52.7	63.24	63.54	-0.32	0.95	6	0.03	3.46	-0.14
	SOUTHERN INTERIOR										
	Augusta State Ap	76.4	57.3	66.86	67.14	-0.29	1.02	3	0.27	5.22	1.91
	Bangor International Airport	73.9	54.9	64.36	66.19	-1.83	2.03	5	1.23	5.32	1.82
	Bethel 6 Sse	78.7	55	66.86	N/A	N/A	1.34	3	N/A	5.49	N/A
	Bridgton 3 Nw	N/A	N/A	N/A	64.89	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Dover-Foxcroft Wwtp	75	53.3	64.14	64.3	-0.16	1.62	6	0.6	5.27	1.26
	Harmony	79.3	53.4	66.36	N/A	N/A	1.1	3	0.12	5.09	1.14
	Livermore Falls 1 E	79.3	54.7	67	N/A	N/A	0.64	2	-0.16	5.24	1.36
	Topsfield 2	71.7	52.6	62.14	64.87	-2.73	1.73	5	0.81	4.54	0.58
	Turner	77.9	56	66.93	66.61	0.31	1.19	3	0.29	5.79	1.77
	Woodland	72	56.1	64.07	65.57	-1.5	1.22	4	0.45	4.03	0.86
	Extreme/Average	76	54.8	65.41	65.65	-1.03	1.32	6	0.45	5.11	1.34
	COASTAL										
	Durham	78.7	53.9	66.29	65.46	0.83	1.11	2	0.16	5.95	2.01
	East Surry	72	52.2	62.08	N/A	N/A	0.94	3	N/A	7.59	N/A
Hollis	79.6	53.3	66.43	66.34	0.09	0.76	4	-0.16	5.79	1.81	
Portland Jetport	75.4	57.9	66.64	66.7	-0.06	1.51	4	0.73	5.6	2.09	
West Rockport 1 Nnw	73.6	55.7	64.64	64.96	-0.31	0.94	1	0.5	2.98	0.66	

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State	Station	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
	Extreme/Average	75.9	54.6	65.22	65.87	0.14	1.05	4	0.31	5.58	1.64
	STATE TOTAL	74.8	53.6	64.21	64.55	-0.47	1.08	6	0.2	4.29	0.59
Massachusetts	WESTERN										
	Lenox Dale	N/A	N/A	N/A	67.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.27	-0.25
	North Adams Harriman Airport	81.3	57.1	69.21	67.36	1.86	2.12	4	0.96	5.21	0.56
	Pittsfield Municipal Ap	81	58.7	69.86	66.09	3.77	1.56	2	0.75	4.4	0.34
	Worthington	80.3	56.6	68.43	65.49	2.94	0.81	2	-0.17	3.69	-0.62
	Extreme/Average	80.9	57.5	69.17	66.51	2.86	1.5	4	0.51	3.64	0.01
	CENTRAL										
	Amherst	84.4	60	72.21	68.91	3.3	1.09	2	0.22	3.1	-0.7
	Barre Falls Dam	85.6	56.6	71.1	65.66	5.62	1.22	1	0.58	3.39	-0.28
	Beverly Municipal Ap	77.7	59.9	68.79	68.24	0.54	0.77	3	-0.05	4.38	1.02
	Chatham Municipal Ap	76.1	61	68.57	68.1	0.47	0.87	3	0.07	5.81	2.57
	East Brimfield Lake	83.3	61.3	72.29	68.64	3.64	0.97	2	0.2	3.02	-0.62
	Fitchburg Municipal Ap	82.6	62.4	72.5	70.37	2.13	1.03	3	0.05	3.99	0.02
	Greenfield No. 3	83.9	58.6	71.21	67.93	3.29	1.25	5	0.24	3.39	-0.46
	Lawrence	81.7	62.4	72.07	70.69	1.39	0.31	3	-0.48	5.53	1.84
	Lowell	84.6	59.7	72.14	69.73	2.41	0.54	3	-0.38	5.55	1.82
	Norwood Memorial Ap	85.7	61.3	73.5	68.89	4.61	0.59	3	-0.34	2.21	-1.05
	Westfield Barnes Municipal Ap	85	61	73	69.06	3.94	0.47	2	-0.48	2.73	-1.32
	Worcester	79.3	62.3	70.79	68	2.79	0.93	3	0.05	3.31	-0.57
	Extreme/Average	82.5	60.5	71.51	68.69	2.84	0.84	5	-0.03	3.87	0.19
	COASTAL										
	Bedford Hanscom Field	84.1	61.9	73	70.36	2.64	1.01	3	0.19	3.33	-0.3
	Birch Hill Dam	83	58.4	70.71	66.8	3.91	0.69	3	-0.28	4.63	0.57
	Boston	78.4	63.6	71	71.04	-0.04	1.94	3	1.26	5.11	1.72
	Edgartown	78.2	61.2	69.75	69.09	1.02	1.05	1	0.63	6.02	2.85
	Hyannis Barnstable Municipal Ap	77.3	63.6	70.43	68.63	1.8	1.37	4	0.69	5.74	2.5
	New Bedford Municipal Ap	82	61.6	71.79	69.09	2.7	0.47	1	-0.2	3.46	-0.15
	Plymouth Municipal Ap	78.9	60.7	69.79	68.6	1.19	0.49	3	-0.28	5.5	1.88
	Taunton Municipal Ap	85.1	60.4	72.79	69.33	3.46	0.24	3	-0.5	4.26	0.92
	Extreme/Average	80.9	61.4	71.16	69.12	2.08	0.91	4	0.19	4.76	1.25
	STATE TOTAL	81.7	60.2	70.96	68.4	2.62	0.98	5	0.14	4.09	0.47
New Hampshire	NORTHERN										
	Berlin	77.7	52.4	65.07	65.19	-0.11	0.93	3	-0.02	3.28	-0.43
	Colebrook 3Sw	76.7	48.5	62.58	63.2	-0.52	0.33	2	-0.52	3.46	-0.18
	Errol Airport	77.4	51.7	64.57	N/A	N/A	0.3	3	N/A	3.27	N/A
	Jefferson	77.7	54.4	66.07	N/A	N/A	0.95	3	0	4.57	0.65
	Extreme/Average	77.4	51.8	64.57	64.19	-0.32	0.63	3	-0.18	3.65	0.01
	SOUTHERN										
	Bradford 2	82.4	61.2	71.8	N/A	N/A	1.36	3	0.7	3.32	1.15
	Concord Asos	82.8	57.8	70.33	67.93	2.5	1.12	2	0.34	3.54	0.12
	East Milford	82.3	59.9	71.07	68.7	2.37	0.83	3	-0.38	4.26	-0.47
	Epping	81.1	57.4	69.29	68.07	1.21	0.78	2	-0.01	4.5	0.75
	Hancock	78.4	55.8	67.1	N/A	N/A	0.41	1	N/A	2.93	N/A
	Jaffrey Silver Ranch Airpark	82.4	59.3	70.86	N/A	N/A	0.51	3	N/A	4.36	N/A

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	Keene	82.7	54.4	68.57	67.66	0.91	0.92	4	0.04	4.45	1.33
	Lakeport 2	82.1	59.3	70.71	68.99	1.73	1.7	3	0.72	5.15	1.08
	Lebanon Municipal Ap	82.6	57.7	70.14	68.03	2.11	0.98	4	0.25	5.89	2.79
	North Conway	80.3	57	68.64	66.26	2.39	0.97	3	-0.04	5.68	1.61
	Tamworth 4	78.4	52.7	65.57	65.56	0.01	1.95	4	0.92	7.06	2.94
	Extreme/Average	81.4	57.5	69.46	67.65	1.65	1.05	4	0.28	4.65	1.26
	STATE TOTAL	80.2	55.7	67.96	66.59	1.05	0.92	4	0.14	4.34	0.87
Rhode Island	ALL										
	Newport State Ap	81.4	64	72.71	69.31	3.4	1.56	3	0.76	6.45	2.9
	Providence	83.1	64.6	73.86	71.21	2.64	1.06	3	0.41	4.68	1.33
	Westerly State Airport	81.9	64.3	73.07	68.77	4.3	1.92	2	1.21	7.65	4.25
	Woonsocket	85	62.6	73.79	69.8	3.99	0.12	2	-0.7	3.94	0.05
	Extreme/Average	82.8	63.9	73.36	69.77	3.58	1.17	3	0.42	5.68	2.13
	STATE TOTAL	82.8	63.9	73.36	69.77	3.58	1.17	3	0.42	5.68	2.13
Vermont	NORTHEASTERN										
	Averill	75.8	49	62.42	N/A	N/A	0.22	2	N/A	3.57	N/A
	Barre Montpelier Knapp State Ap	76.9	54.9	65.86	65.59	0.27	1.66	5	0.8	7	3.45
	Burlington Wso Ap	83	61	72	68.9	3.1	1.18	5	0.3	4.4	0.96
	Corinth	74.3	53.9	64.07	64	0.07	0.92	4	N/A	3.7	N/A
	Newport	78.7	54.4	66.57	65.7	0.87	0.83	4	-0.17	3.45	-0.35
	Rochester	80.6	54.6	67.57	64.96	2.61	0	0	-1.16	0	-4.59
	Saint Johnsbury	83	56.7	69.86	N/A	N/A	1.64	5	N/A	5.57	N/A
	Sutton	76.3	55.9	66.07	63.17	2.9	1.72	4	0.76	6.58	2.58
	Extreme/Average	78.6	55	66.8	65.39	1.64	1.02	5	0.11	4.28	0.41
	WESTERN										
	Bennington Morse State Ap	81.4	56.7	69.07	66.59	2.49	1.04	4	0.16	5.35	1.5
	Rutland	81.7	56.1	68.93	66.86	2.07	0.58	4	-0.33	3.87	0.31
	South Lincoln	77.4	51.6	64.5	64.26	0.24	2.02	4	0.94	7.45	3.94
	Extreme/Average	80.2	54.8	67.5	65.9	1.6	1.21	4	0.26	5.56	1.92
	SOUTHEASTERN										
	Johnson 2 N	76.4	54.1	65.29	N/A	N/A	0.94	4	N/A	3.53	N/A
	Springfield Hartness State Ap	80.6	57.7	69.14	67.24	1.9	1.08	3	0.32	3.74	0.16
	Woodstock	82.1	56	69.07	67.23	1.84	0.89	4	0.11	5.26	2.05
	Extreme/Average	79.7	55.9	67.83	67.23	1.87	0.97	4	0.21	4.18	1.1
	STATE TOTAL	79.3	55.1	67.2	65.86	1.66	1.08	5	0.17	4.69	1.02

DFN = Departure from normal.

Weather summary provided by the Southern Regional Climate Center, <https://climdata.srcc.lsu.edu>.

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

If the weather permits the hay crop may be the best in years. Potato and grain fields are growing quickly. Strawberries are being harvested and it looks like an excellent crop.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Strawberries were in short supply for strawberry festivals over the weekend. Vegetables, which have been growing very slowly, are starting to come around. Fungicides are being sprayed. Some fruit trees are dying due to too much water. Many hayfields are too wet to cut. Silage corn was still being planted last week.

FRANKLIN, Gary J. Raymond

Big thunder showers this weekend provided excess water and some erosion. There are pockets of standing water on some fields. Some hay got wet. Some crops on well drained soils are starting to catch up a little on growth. It would be nice to have a dry, sunny, breezy week.

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Sunday saw scattered thunderstorms across Massachusetts with reports of sporadic hail accompanying the thunderstorms. No damage to crops has been reported/determined as of the time of this report.

BARNSTABLE/BRISTOL/DUKES/NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH,

Dr. Peter Jeranyama

Sprays against fruit rot are going on right now as required these are to be done from early to mid-bloom and continue through late bloom to early fruit set. Products like Chlorothalonil and Mancozeb are currently being used. A second dose of fertilizer is being made ready this week to help with fruit set. Growers are also watching for moisture stress in an event it does not rain. Make sure your moisture sensors (TDR probes, volumetric sensors and Tensiometers) are installed this time and are working properly.

HAMPSHIRE/HAMPDEN, Heather Baylis

Summer has finally arrived and the thermometer is rising. Farmers are making good progress. Strawberry harvest is well under way. Some corn is tasseling and silking, some is not yet knee-high. More and more veggies are making their way to the local farm stands!

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

What more can be said about the wet weather? For many cranberry growers, this is the longest they gone into the season without irrigating.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Generally warm and sunny, with a little rain early in the week and on the weekend. Corn starting to grow in leaps and bounds with warmer weather. Farms still working on first cutting baleage and dry hay, with wet conditions still hampering harvesting in some places. More veggies showing up in farms stands and at CSA's. Strawberry harvest still going on, other fruits progressing well, if a little behind schedule.

GRAFTON, Steven Schmidt

For the week ending June 30, 2019 we had 5 days with rain or showers during some part of the day. Top soils remain excessively wet on many fields. There are a few fields that still are not planted due to wet soils. First cut hay is late, but farmers continue to get what they can as soil conditions allow access. Well drained soils along the river bottom, are in much better shape. Upland hay fields with poorer drainage characteristics are more of a challenge to get onto with heavy farm equipment. Some vegetable growers are also experiencing problems with excessive rain and this has slowed progress for them as well.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Weather: Hail occurred during afternoon thunder storm on Sunday, June 30. Localize damage to fruit and vegetable crops occurred. Fruit; Warm weather that occurred during last week of June ripened strawberry crop quickly. Fruit growers monitoring pest and crop development and applying sprays for pest control, if needed. Also, growers are training young fruit trees along with mowing orchard floor. Sweet Cherry being harvested. Vegetables; Harvesting greens, spinach, scallions, radishes, cucumbers, greenhouse tomatoes, rhubarb, lettuce, zucchini, summer squash, etc. Growers busy trying to side dressing fields with fertilizer, cultivating, mowing weeds, scouting for pests and spraying if needed. Potato Leaf Hopper seen. Field Crops; Farmers continued to bale hay or make haylage between rain showers, along with side-dressing fertilizer to field corn if needed. Hay yield is down.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

Nice soaking rain on Tuesday, June 25. But the week ended with wild weather on Saturday evening into Sunday with gusty winds, downpour, potential localized hail and tree damages in some towns (as reported in Fremont, NH). Harvesting strawberries, Sweet cherries, scallions, zucchinis, greenhouse tomatoes, green, radish, and broccolini. Monitoring pests in orchards and spraying if needed for preventing diseases and controlling insects. Haying and haylage being done. Livestock enjoying the pasture.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

Producers were busy with final plantings of field corn. Emerged crop looks good, albeit short and will be playing catch-up all summer. Due to very wet soils in some fields, a few producers have decided to forgo corn in those areas this year. Conditions later in the week were good for making dry hay, which is still behind due to regular rain showers and wet fields. Second cut is ready where first cut was taken off timely. Strawberries are plentiful and close to peak. Pick-Your-Own operations are slated to open this week. More summer vegetables, particularly greens, are available at farm stands and farmers markets and producers are still busy with plantings.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Summer arrived with heat and humidity. Only one day of rain so that was good.

ALL RI COUNTIES, Michael Sullivan

A strange week of weather patterns where rain and hail pummeled some sections of the state 5 miles from areas in full sun. Last of first cutting hay completed where there was any quality made. Uncut hay is well past heading and will provide fiber but little real nutrition. Local berries hitting the market but delayed season due to cool moist conditions is influencing the wholesale market. Canadian produce is in the Boston market early and suppressing the values seen. Short term forecast is for warm and dry conditions which should be beneficial by reducing disease pressure on some fruit crops. The delayed spring is going to have economic impacts on fruit and vegetable growers as the local crops are behind the tourism season and the values gained by crop timing to this humid season might be lost to some extent.

VERMONT

ALL VT COUNTIES, Terence Bradshaw

Weather pattern seems to have settled into 'normal' summer mode. Rain amount last week was just about right, a little over 1.4" in Chittenden County but more in some other areas and some of the afternoon thundershowers have been pretty intense. No reports of hail in the state but I'm open to being corrected on that. Fruit set in apples is good, June drop has occurred and we are seeing a good crop especially where thinning was done. If growers kept up on sprays, scab is under control; if not, they have a fair amount of work ahead of them. Apple maggot traps should be going up; codling moth larvae are hatching now and need treatment. Grapes are blooming, inflorescence looks good. There's a bit of disease out there where vines weren't well-covered with fungicides. All of the major grape diseases are active now and should be treated for.

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

Rain continues to fall every day or two causing dry hay harvest to be very slow. Fruit trees are loaded with fruit. Raspberries and black raspberries are starting to ripen behind schedule due to the cool wet spring. Strawberry picking season was very short.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Occasional showers continue in Franklin County, Vermont with continued progress in first cut hay and finishing up corn planting. Hay regrowth is super with some second cut harvest. Those showers are hampering making of dry hay, however, it stays dry long enough between showers for haylage. Strawberries seem to be at a standstill for harvest with some lag between the early and later varieties. Apples are progressing with good development.