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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in New England, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 8, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, and 90 percent adequate. Pasture conditions ranged from 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 53 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 8, 2019 (in percent)

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| TOPSOIL | 2 | 15 | 75 | 8 |
| SUBSOIL | 1 | 9 | 90 | 0 |

Crop Conditions as of September 8, 2019 (in percent)

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| APPLES | 0 | 1 | 18 | 66 | 15 |
| BARLEY (ME) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 80 |
| CORN | 0 | 1 | 14 | 52 | 33 |
| CRANBERRIES (MA) | 5 | 5 | 10 | 60 | 20 |
| DRY HAY | 0 | 0 | 4 | 53 | 43 |
| OATS (ME) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 80 |
| PASTURE AND RANGE | 1 | 11 | 53 | 29 | 6 |
| POTATOES (ME) | 0 | 0 | 20 | 80 | 0 |
| QUALITY OF DRY HAY MADE | 0 | 0 | 4 | 54 | 42 |

Crop Progress as of September 8, 2019 (in percent)

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 Year Avg. |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| APPLES: HARVESTED | 10 | 6 | 15 | 21 |
| BARLEY (ME): HARVESTED FOR GRAIN | 38 | <5 | 24 | N/A |
| DRY HAY: 3rd CUTTING | 76 | 63 | 69 | 61 |
| DRY HAY: 4th CUTTING | 8 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE | 5 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PEACHES: HARVESTED | 59 | 54 | 54 | 69 |
| PEARS: HARVESTED | 13 | 10 | 13 | 19 |
| POTATOES (ME): HARVESTED | 12 | 6 | 24 | 23 |
| SWEET CORN: HARVESTED | 76 | 65 | 73 | 78 |

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September 8, 2019 New England Weekly Weather Summary

| State | Station | Air Temperature Last Week | | | | | Precipitation | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|--|
| | | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN | |
| Connecticut | NORTHWEST | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Norfolk 2 Sw | 69.1 | 52.1 | 60.64 | 62.9 | -2.26 | 1.55 | 3.0 | 0.65 | 4.22 | 0.39 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 69.1 | 52.1 | 60.64 | 62.90 | -2.26 | 1.55 | 3 | 0.65 | 4.22 | 0.39 | |
| | CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Burlington | 77.3 | 52.0 | 64.67 | 66.39 | -2.3 | 0.18 | 1.0 | -0.25 | 1.77 | -1.75 | |
| | Danbury Municipal Ap | 75.3 | 54.1 | 64.71 | 65.67 | -0.96 | 0.39 | 4.0 | -0.5 | 1.6 | -2.46 | |
| | Hartford-Bradley International Airport | 76.6 | 56.3 | 66.43 | 67.73 | -1.3 | 1.06 | 4.0 | 0.31 | 2.85 | -0.34 | |
| | Meriden Markham Municipal Ap | 75.0 | 56.0 | 65.5 | 67.46 | -2.12 | 2.26 | 4.0 | 1.46 | 4.22 | 0.76 | |
| | Norwich Pub Utility Plant | 75.1 | 57.7 | 66.43 | 67.23 | -0.8 | 0.28 | 2.0 | -0.75 | 4.73 | 0.54 | |
| | Staffordville | 73.0 | 56.5 | 64.75 | 65.56 | -1.55 | 1.21 | 1.0 | 0.95 | 4.72 | 2.13 | |
| | West Thompson Lake | 73.3 | 54.0 | 63.64 | 64.56 | -0.91 | 0.41 | 2.0 | -0.35 | 4.79 | 1.41 | |
| | Willimantic Windham Ap | 74.7 | 55.6 | 65.14 | 66.67 | -1.53 | 0.76 | 3.0 | -0.13 | 4.39 | 0.6 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 75.0 | 55.3 | 65.16 | 66.41 | -1.43 | 0.82 | 4 | 0.09 | 3.63 | 0.11 | |
| | COASTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bridgeport-Success Hill | N/A | N/A | N/A | 68.89 | N/A | 0.44 | 3.0 | -0.21 | 2.45 | -0.62 | |
| | Extreme/Average | N/A | N/A | N/A | 68.89 | N/A | 0.44 | 3 | -0.21 | 2.45 | -0.62 | |
| STATE TOTAL | 62.7 | 46.4 | 54.57 | 66.07 | -1.39 | 0.91 | 4 | 0.16 | 3.58 | 0.06 | | |
| Maine | NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Caribou Wfo | 63.7 | 46.9 | 55.29 | 58.86 | -3.57 | 1.81 | 4.0 | 1.09 | 3.7 | 0.51 | |
| | Frenchville Northern Aroostook Ap | 60.1 | 44.9 | 52.5 | 57.69 | -5.19 | 1.2 | 5.0 | 0.35 | 2.53 | -1.09 | |
| | Houlton Airport | 65.0 | 45.1 | 55.07 | 59.14 | -4.07 | 1.54 | 4.0 | 0.82 | 3.22 | 0.16 | |
| | Millinocket Municipal Airport | 65.0 | 49.4 | 57.21 | 61.46 | -4.24 | 1.06 | 3.0 | 0.32 | 3.58 | 0.15 | |
| | Moosehead | 63.6 | 47.4 | 55.5 | N/A | N/A | 1.5 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 5.16 | 1.9 | |
| | Rangeley | 65.3 | 45.3 | 55.29 | 58.59 | -3.3 | 1.11 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 3.99 | 0.6 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 63.8 | 46.5 | 55.14 | 59.15 | -4.07 | 1.37 | 5 | 0.60 | 3.70 | 0.37 | |
| | SOUTHERN INTERIOR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Augusta State Ap | 67.9 | 53.1 | 60.5 | 63.97 | -3.47 | 0.42 | 4.0 | -0.34 | 4.23 | 1.31 | |
| | Bangor International Airport | 67.0 | 51.1 | 59.07 | 62.67 | -3.6 | 0.89 | 3.0 | 0.17 | 4.65 | 2.01 | |
| | Bethel 6 Sse | 69.2 | 48.7 | 58.92 | N/A | N/A | 0.76 | 4.0 | N/A | 4.13 | N/A | |
| | Bridgton 3 Nw | N/A | N/A | N/A | 61.21 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| | Dover-Foxcroft Wwtp | 68.4 | 47.1 | 57.79 | 60.46 | -2.67 | 0.63 | 4.0 | -0.12 | 4.02 | 1.22 | |
| | Harmony | 69.0 | 46.6 | 57.79 | N/A | N/A | 1.08 | 4.0 | 0.33 | 5.81 | 2.9 | |
| | Livermore Falls 1 E | 69.7 | 48.7 | 59.21 | N/A | N/A | 0.95 | 5.0 | 0.13 | 4.78 | 1.78 | |
| | Topsfield 2 | 65.4 | 47.7 | 56.57 | 61.96 | -5.39 | 2.15 | 3.0 | 1.37 | 6.08 | 3.26 | |
| | Turner | 68.0 | 50.4 | 59.21 | 63.44 | -4.23 | 0.81 | 4.0 | 0.05 | 4.39 | 1.54 | |
| | Woodland | 68.1 | 54.4 | 61.29 | 62.21 | -0.93 | 2.17 | 3.0 | 1.39 | 5.11 | 2.19 | |
| | Extreme/Average | 68.1 | 49.8 | 58.93 | 62.27 | -3.38 | 1.10 | 5 | 0.37 | 4.80 | 2.03 | |
| | COASTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Durham | 69.6 | 49.4 | 59.5 | 61.79 | -2.29 | 0.28 | 5.0 | -0.51 | 3.38 | 0.34 | |
| East Surry | 66.7 | 48.6 | 57.64 | N/A | N/A | 1.25 | 4.0 | N/A | 4.57 | N/A | | |
| Hollis | 68.9 | 48.1 | 58.5 | 62.17 | -3.67 | 0.24 | 3.0 | -0.6 | 4.06 | 0.95 | | |
| Portland Jetport | 69.7 | 54.9 | 62.29 | 63.96 | -1.67 | 0.14 | 3.0 | -0.59 | 3.89 | 1.08 | | |
| West Rockport 1 Nnw | 66.3 | 53.9 | 60.07 | 62.93 | -2.86 | 0.65 | 3.0 | 0.04 | 1.97 | 0.75 | | |

| | | Air Temperature Last Week | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| State | Station | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | Rain Days | DFN | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN |
| | Extreme/Average | 68.2 | 51.0 | 59.60 | 62.71 | -2.62 | 0.51 | 5 | -0.42 | 3.57 | 0.78 |
| | STATE TOTAL | 65.8 | 48.2 | 56.99 | 60.65 | -3.64 | 1.16 | 5 | 0.38 | 4.02 | 0.95 |
| Massachusetts | WESTERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lenox Dale | N/A | N/A | N/A | 63.54 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0.41 | -0.49 |
| | North Adams Harriman Airport | 71.3 | 52.1 | 61.71 | 63.39 | -1.67 | 1.13 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 2.96 | -0.35 |
| | Pittsfield Municipal Ap | 71.6 | 52.0 | 61.79 | 62.46 | -0.67 | 2.23 | 4.0 | 1.47 | 3.66 | 0.28 |
| | Worthington | 70.0 | 51.0 | 60.5 | 62.07 | -2.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.09 | 3.55 | 1.05 |
| | Extreme/Average | 71.0 | 51.7 | 61.33 | 62.87 | -1.55 | 1.22 | 4 | 0.62 | 2.65 | 0.12 |
| | CENTRAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Amherst | 74.6 | 53.7 | 64.14 | 65.09 | -0.94 | 0.5 | 3.0 | -0.31 | 2.46 | -0.73 |
| | Barre Falls Dam | 76.9 | 50.3 | 63.57 | 61.8 | 1.77 | 0.24 | 2.0 | -0.53 | 2.04 | -1.4 |
| | Beverly Municipal Ap | 73.4 | 55.7 | 64.57 | 65.59 | -1.01 | 0.68 | 3.0 | -0.07 | 2.59 | -0.32 |
| | Chatham Municipal Ap | 72.7 | 57.1 | 64.93 | 66.56 | -1.63 | 2.48 | 3.0 | 1.61 | 3.7 | 0.03 |
| | East Brimfield Lake | 73.6 | 54.7 | 64.14 | 65.29 | -1.14 | 1.35 | 3.0 | 0.62 | 4.62 | 1.49 |
| | Fitchburg Municipal Ap | 76.5 | 58.0 | 67.25 | 66.21 | 0.2 | 0.04 | 1.0 | -0.55 | 2.67 | -0.15 |
| | Greenfield No. 3 | 74.2 | 51.8 | 63.0 | 63.99 | -1.15 | 0.95 | 3.0 | 0.13 | 3.35 | 0.17 |
| | Lawrence | 74.7 | 58.6 | 66.64 | 67.83 | -1.19 | 0.08 | 2.0 | -0.72 | 1.6 | -1.48 |
| | Lowell | 75.4 | 54.7 | 65.07 | 66.21 | -1.14 | 0.13 | 3.0 | -0.63 | 2.55 | -0.73 |
| | Norwood Memorial Ap | 77.4 | 55.4 | 66.43 | 64.49 | 1.94 | 0.54 | 4.0 | -0.23 | 1.82 | -1.33 |
| | Westfield Barnes Municipal Ap | 75.7 | 55.0 | 65.36 | 65.91 | -0.56 | 1.44 | 4.0 | 0.73 | 2.6 | -0.72 |
| | Worcester | 70.1 | 54.9 | 62.5 | 64.99 | -2.49 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.51 | 3.17 | 0.02 |
| | Extreme/Average | 74.6 | 55.0 | 64.80 | 65.33 | -0.61 | 0.81 | 4 | 0.05 | 2.76 | -0.43 |
| | COASTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bedford Hanscom Field | 78.0 | 57.0 | 67.5 | 66.63 | 0.87 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 0.07 | 3.12 | 0.08 |
| | Birch Hill Dam | 72.4 | 49.6 | 61.0 | 62.57 | -1.57 | 0.82 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 2.77 | -0.25 |
| | Boston | 75.9 | 61.4 | 68.64 | 68.43 | 0.21 | 1.47 | 3.0 | 0.75 | 2.67 | -0.18 |
| | Edgartown | N/A | N/A | N/A | 68.37 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.69 | 0.38 |
| | Hyannis Barnstable Municipal Ap | 73.6 | 56.0 | 64.79 | 66.27 | -1.49 | 2.05 | 3.0 | 1.17 | 3.06 | -0.57 |
| | New Bedford Municipal Ap | 74.7 | 54.4 | 64.57 | 65.97 | -1.4 | 0.04 | 2.0 | -0.88 | 2.65 | -1.03 |
| | Plymouth Municipal Ap | 72.7 | 55.4 | 64.07 | 65.8 | -1.73 | 0.48 | 3.0 | -0.49 | 3.44 | -0.18 |
| | Taunton Municipal Ap | 75.3 | 53.5 | 64.42 | 65.86 | -1.4 | 0.19 | 3.0 | -0.5 | 1.71 | -1.72 |
| | Extreme/Average | 74.7 | 55.3 | 65.00 | 66.24 | -0.93 | 0.84 | 3 | 0.03 | 2.76 | -0.43 |
| | STATE TOTAL | 73.9 | 54.5 | 64.20 | 65.13 | -0.89 | 0.90 | 4 | 0.15 | 2.74 | -0.33 |
| New Hampshire | NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Berlin | 67.6 | 47.6 | 57.57 | 60.89 | -3.31 | 1.29 | 4.0 | 0.56 | 2.89 | -0.39 |
| | Colebrook 3Sw | 67.1 | 44.3 | 55.71 | 59.07 | -3.36 | 1.85 | 4.0 | 1.32 | 3.79 | 0.47 |
| | Errol Airport | 67.3 | 44.9 | 56.07 | N/A | N/A | 1.26 | 4.0 | N/A | 3.38 | N/A |
| | Jefferson | 67.1 | 48.7 | 57.93 | N/A | N/A | 1.53 | 4.0 | 0.78 | 3.08 | -0.46 |
| | Extreme/Average | 67.3 | 46.4 | 56.82 | 59.98 | -3.33 | 1.48 | 4 | 0.89 | 3.28 | -0.13 |
| | SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bradford 2 | 69.7 | 47.1 | 58.43 | N/A | N/A | 1.04 | 4.0 | 0.23 | 3.36 | 0.19 |
| | Concord Asos | 72.9 | 51.7 | 62.29 | 64.1 | -1.81 | 0.55 | 4.0 | -0.15 | 3.37 | 0.63 |
| | East Milford | 73.4 | 52.0 | 62.71 | 64.71 | -2.0 | 0.29 | 3.0 | -0.68 | 1.53 | -1.49 |
| | Epping | 72.0 | 52.1 | 62.07 | 64.36 | -2.29 | 0.24 | 3.0 | -0.57 | 3.45 | 0.44 |
| | Hancock | 73.5 | 47.2 | 60.38 | N/A | N/A | 0.0 | 0.0 | N/A | 0.63 | N/A |
| | Jaffrey Silver Ranch Airpark | 72.1 | 52.1 | 62.14 | N/A | N/A | 0.92 | 3.0 | N/A | 3.23 | N/A |

| | | Air Temperature Last Week | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
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| | Keene | 72.1 | 48.1 | 60.14 | 64.07 | -3.93 | 1.34 | 4.0 | 0.58 | 5.24 | 2.1 |
| | Lakeport 2 | 73.4 | 53.1 | 63.29 | 65.7 | -2.41 | 0.92 | 4.0 | 0.21 | 4.28 | 1.28 |
| | Lebanon Municipal Ap | 73.6 | 52.1 | 62.86 | 64.17 | -1.31 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 0.73 | 4.0 | 0.91 |
| | North Conway | 70.1 | 49.9 | 60.0 | 61.91 | -1.91 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 0.23 | 5.43 | 1.85 |
| | Tamworth 4 | 69.5 | 44.7 | 57.08 | 61.0 | -4.08 | 1.31 | 3.0 | 0.59 | 6.77 | 3.57 |
| | Extreme/Average | 72.0 | 50.0 | 61.04 | 63.75 | -2.47 | 0.83 | 4 | 0.13 | 3.75 | 1.05 |
| | STATE TOTAL | 70.6 | 48.9 | 59.74 | 62.59 | -2.73 | 1.03 | 4 | 0.36 | 3.61 | 0.69 |
| Rhode Island | ALL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Newport State Ap | 74.0 | 59.7 | 66.86 | 67.79 | -0.93 | 0.08 | 1.0 | -0.84 | 2.24 | -1.24 |
| | Providence | 75.9 | 58.7 | 67.29 | 68.47 | -1.19 | 0.06 | 2.0 | -0.8 | 1.83 | -1.44 |
| | Westerly State Airport | 75.1 | 58.3 | 66.71 | 66.77 | -0.06 | 0.03 | 1.0 | -0.82 | 4.22 | 0.4 |
| | Woonsocket | 76.1 | 56.6 | 66.36 | 66.74 | -0.39 | 1.14 | 2.0 | 0.33 | 4.16 | 0.72 |
| | Extreme/Average | 75.3 | 58.3 | 66.81 | 67.44 | -0.64 | 0.33 | 2 | -0.53 | 3.11 | -0.39 |
| | STATE TOTAL | 75.3 | 58.3 | 66.81 | 67.44 | -0.64 | 0.33 | 2 | -0.53 | 3.11 | -0.39 |
| Vermont | NORTHEASTERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Averill | 59.0 | 47.1 | 53.07 | N/A | N/A | 1.64 | 5.0 | N/A | 3.2 | N/A |
| | Barre Montpelier Knapp State Ap | 68.0 | 48.9 | 58.43 | 61.33 | -2.9 | 1.18 | 4.0 | 0.55 | 3.53 | 0.46 |
| | Burlington International Airport | 72.4 | 56.0 | 64.21 | 64.69 | -0.47 | 2.07 | 4.0 | 1.31 | 3.54 | 0.26 |
| | Corinth | 65.6 | 47.1 | 56.36 | 59.66 | -3.3 | 1.07 | 4.0 | N/A | 3.5 | N/A |
| | Newport | 69.6 | 48.4 | 59.0 | 61.39 | -2.39 | 2.21 | 5.0 | 1.46 | 3.7 | 0.23 |
| | Rochester | 72.0 | 49.3 | 60.64 | 61.87 | -1.23 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.72 | 0.0 | -3.55 |
| | Saint Johnsbury | 71.3 | 51.0 | 61.14 | N/A | N/A | 1.38 | 6.0 | N/A | 3.75 | N/A |
| | Sutton | 67.6 | 50.1 | 58.86 | 59.77 | -0.91 | 1.99 | 4.0 | 1.54 | 3.33 | 0.83 |
| | Extreme/Average | 68.2 | 49.7 | 58.96 | 61.45 | -1.87 | 1.44 | 6 | 0.83 | 3.07 | -0.35 |
| | WESTERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bennington Morse State Ap | 71.1 | 51.3 | 61.21 | 62.6 | -1.39 | 1.46 | 2.0 | 0.73 | 4.88 | 1.63 |
| | Rutland | 71.6 | 48.1 | 59.86 | 61.9 | -2.04 | 1.18 | 4.0 | 0.37 | 3.0 | -0.34 |
| | South Lincoln | 66.6 | 46.7 | 56.64 | 60.07 | -3.43 | 0.27 | 2.0 | -0.35 | 3.17 | -0.8 |
| | Extreme/Average | 69.8 | 48.7 | 59.24 | 61.52 | -2.29 | 0.97 | 4 | 0.25 | 3.68 | 0.16 |
| | SOUTHEASTERN | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Johnson 2 N | 66.4 | 48.8 | 57.92 | N/A | N/A | 2.68 | 5.0 | N/A | 4.1 | N/A |
| | Springfield Hartness State Ap | 72.3 | 50.6 | 61.43 | 63.43 | -2.0 | 0.84 | 3.0 | 0.15 | 3.16 | 0.04 |
| | Woodstock | 73.0 | 49.1 | 61.07 | 63.09 | -2.01 | 1.52 | 2.0 | 0.81 | 4.99 | 2.04 |
| | Extreme/Average | 70.6 | 49.5 | 60.14 | 63.26 | -2.00 | 1.68 | 5 | 0.48 | 4.08 | 1.04 |
| | STATE TOTAL | 69.1 | 49.4 | 59.25 | 61.77 | -2.03 | 1.33 | 5 | 0.58 | 3.44 | 0.05 |

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.

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No reporter comments available.

MAINE

AROOSTOOK (Central), Larry James

Steady rains the past two weeks have helped the russet crop. Rains came too late to help the earlier white varieties. Barley and oat crops have been excellent.

CUMBERLAND/YORK, Sandy Truslow

Pick your own apples are opening up, and many are reporting an outstanding crop in terms of size and color. This is due to the rain and cool weather late summer. Pest and disease pressure has also been low. Also had a good crop of peaches and early pears. Late planted silage corn, is not looking good, still short and uneven growth. September has been on the cool side, still hoping for some warm weather!

MASSACHUSETTS

ALL MA COUNTIES, Tom Smiarowski

Good week for harvesting crops and planting cover crops. Hurricane Dorian brushed past Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod bringing sustained winds of 40 mph and reports of up to 2.5 inches of rain on Saturday. No initial reports of any significant damage to farms.

BARNSTABLE/BRISTOL/DUKES/NANTUCKET/PLYMOUTH

H, Dr. Peter Jeranyama

Cranberry is sizing up and coloring. Night temperatures are falling nicely to encourage color formation on the cranberry. However, at this point growers should start monitoring for fall frost on the fruit. Also at this time, buds for next year are or have been formed and these might also need protection against fall frost. As we protect against the frost we also inadvertently protect the buds.

PLYMOUTH, Steve Ward

Rain has been spotty in South East Massachusetts, but most cranberry growers have reported adequate rain this season. They are also reporting good quality at this early point of the season.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE, Carl Majewski

Rain at the beginning of the week and a few showers Friday night, otherwise beautiful dry sunny weather. Great haying weather for getting in late second/third cuttings. Corn maturing, no farms harvesting quite yet. Vegetable crops doing well, more fall crops showing up in stands. Great weather over the weekend for PYO apples.

HILLSBOROUGH, George Hamilton

Vegetables: Harvesting an array of vegetables: beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, greens, potatoes, radishes, summer squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables. Some farmers are starting to clean up harvested fields and planting cover crops. Diseases have killed some pumpkins and winter squash vines. Fruit: Orchardists harvesting Marshall, McIntosh, early Honeycrisp, and Gala apples, peaches, plums/prunes and fall raspberries. Irrigating, weeding and fertilizing strawberry beds. More "Pick-your-own" operations are open, the rest will be opening next weekend. Field Crops: Farmers are continuing hay cutting during the week with the second and third cuttings being made. Starting to get equipment ready for chopping corn silage.

ROCKINGHAM, Nada Haddad

A bounty of tomatoes is available with SO many different varieties of color, shape, and size. Harvesting an array of vegetables as well as a whole array of apple varieties but some are yet to ripen. Peaches, nectarines, plums, fall raspberries, herbs and cut flowers are also being harvested. Haying being done. Farms now accepting winter CSAs members. Most of PYO apple orchards will open this week.

SULLIVAN, Jennifer Z. Gehly

Last week's rains were very helpful. Farms report good onions, good potatoes and winter squash. Fall raspberries look good but some report spotted wing drosophila and are needing to apply controls. Cover crops are going on some fields.

RHODE ISLAND

ALL RI COUNTIES, Heather Faubert

Mostly typical weather for the first week of September. Worried about effect from Dorian on crops and first pick-your-own weekend of the fall.

VERMONT

BENNINGTON/RUTLAND, Tina Williams

Apple picking is in full swing for the earlier varieties. Another good week saw dry hay baled (mostly 2nd cut some 3rd cut), and haylage chopped (3rd mostly some 4th cut). A few who got corn in early have started to chop, but most are still awaiting maturity.

FRANKLIN, Paul Stanley

Good rain first of this week has made for moving corn further along to maturity and grass growth into fall stage of growth. Some haylage put up this week, however, not much room for dry hay to be made. Pastures are doing well with the additional moisture. Garden harvest is at its peak with much orange showing up at garden stands.