

# Crop Progress & Condition



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**Poor Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 2.0 days suitable for field work. This week was not a very pleasant week for farmers as the week started out nice on Monday with reasonable temperatures and sunshine but as the week progressed, rain moved in almost every day. This daily rainfall along with a drop in temperature caused the farmers to stay out of the fields for much of the week. Farmers are waiting for the warm up, so that fields will dry some in order for planting to continue at full pace. The warming temperatures would also jump start pastures, wheat, other grains and fruits. Reporters are that wheat and pastures are green and full but there is no height to them because of the cool temperatures and soggy conditions. Some other crops such as barley, oats, onions, potatoes, snap beans and sweet corn have been planted but many farmers are still waiting for warmer weather. Little to no field corn or soybeans have been reported planted. In the southeastern region of New York there are reports that fruit trees are close to flowering, while in other parts of the state the temperatures are preventing the trees from progressing normally for this time of year. Overall, the rain and cooler temperatures have prevented farmers from being in the fields and planting like they have wanted too which is causing them to be several weeks behind on progress. For the week ahead, day-time temperatures are supposed to rise into the 60s and 70s but mostly sunny with some rain predicted towards the end of the week. Field activities for the week include hauling and spreading manure, applying fertilizer, some plowing and planting of fields, spraying of trees, fixing machinery and preparing for the season to start.

## Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Spring Tillage	25%	16%	N/A	N/A
Barley Planted	14%	3%	N/A	N/A
Oats Planted	18%	11%	62%	61%
Onions Planted	14%	5%	21%	40%
Potatoes Planted	5%	3%	29%	42%
Snap Beans Planted	10%	3%	3%	4%
Sweet Corn Planted	9%	4%	19%	14%
Apples Green Tip	20%	7%	93%	78%
Peaches Green Tip	25%	16%	85%	N/A
Pears Green Tip	34%	24%	90%	79%
Sweet Cherries Green Tip	24%	16%	96%	95%
Tart Cherries Green Tip	11%	10%	97%	N/A

## NY Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 4, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	0%	33%	67%
Subsoil	0%	1%	41%	58%

## Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture and Range	13	18	45	22	2
Winter Wheat	0	9	40	46	5

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## May 4, 2014 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northern	Fort_Drum	59	38	49	-2	2.55	5	6.31	+2.85	18	50	+17	220
	Highmarket	58	30	44	-5	1.54	6	5.42	+0.27	18	28	+14	109
	Hooker_12NNW	60	35	47	+2	1.59	5	5.73	+1.51	17	35	+31	182
	Lowville	60	35	47	-3	0.74	3	3.36	-0.27	13	40	+13	167
	Massena	62	38	50	-2	1.71	5	4.53	+1.23	18	29	-5	177
	Watertown_Intl	61	38	51	+2	2.71	5	6.43	+3.29	16	54	+28	236
Northeast	Indian_Lake	61	27	43	-3	1.54	6	4.69	+1.37	17	7	+7	74
	Malone	62	32	47	-1	2.03	6	5.15	+2.05	19	35	+25	166
	Newcomb	59	30	43	-4	1.68	3	5.46	+1.83	16	17	+15	92
	North_Creek	67	28	46	-4	1.44	5	4.45	+0.03	14	20	-1	129
	Plattsburgh_Int	64	35	49	-2	1.66	5	3.69	+0.32	18	37	+11	205
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	59	29	44	-3	1.41	6	4.52	+0.88	20	23	+19	104
Western	Avon	60	30	49	-2	1.73	3	3.96	+0.78	14	63	+26	238
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	58	37	49	-3	1.57	4	5.21	+1.77	16	57	+14	255
	Canandaigua_3S	62	29	48	-4	1.42	4	3.87	+0.43	16	51	+12	214
	Colden_1W	57	34	46	-3	1.17	5	4.43	+0.22	17	42	+20	187
	Dansville_AP	63	32	51	0	1.50	5	2.80	-0.21	15	105	+64	321
	Geneva_Research	62	30	48	-4	1.10	5	3.63	+0.40	16	57	+18	219
	Rochester_NY	60	32	51	-1	1.15	4	3.92	+0.81	17	81	+38	282
	Warsaw	55	30	45	-4	1.25	5	4.16	+0.38	17	43	+27	176
	Youngstown	62	32	48	-4	1.59	5	2.98	+0.16	13	38	-3	220
Central	Auburn_NY	61	29	48	-5	1.18	5	4.72	+1.04	17	62	+17	224
	Boonville	59	24	43	-5	1.37	3	5.63	+0.48	14	31	+17	113
	Cooperstown	65	37	50	+2	2.54	6	5.29	+1.18	18	53	+35	233
	Fulton-Oswego	61	31	50	-1	1.51	5	4.09	+0.37	17	66	+31	236
	Oneonta	65	26	46	-6	1.23	5	3.70	-0.84	17	41	+7	159
	Sherburne	66	29	47	-4	1.23	5	3.03	-0.70	16	56	+30	198
	Syracuse_AP	62	33	51	-2	1.60	4	4.80	+0.97	16	87	+42	277
Eastern	Albany_County_A	73	37	52	-2	0.85	3	2.67	-1.02	13	101	+49	320
	Alcove_Dam	71	32	48	-3	1.43	5	3.23	-0.85	15	45	+15	198
	Brunswick_NY	70	37	50	-1	1.09	6	3.49	-0.95	16	70	+41	266
	Buskirk	68	33	48	-4	1.07	4	3.65	-0.79	14	51	+22	200
	Cobleskill	66	33	47	-4	0.92	6	3.19	-0.29	15	48	+21	186
	Peck_Lake	57	30	44	-7	2.59	5	6.60	+2.15	17	18	-7	105
	Saratoga_Spring	67	37	50	-4	1.51	6	3.86	-0.26	18	57	+3	237
Southwest	Alfred	59	24	45	-4	1.40	5	3.86	+0.35	17	47	+31	178
	Bath	62	27	47	-4	1.21	4	4.01	+0.98	17	48	+20	201
	Corning	64	26	45	-5	1.30	4	3.67	+0.64	16	36	+8	167
	Franklinville	58	24	46	-3	1.79	5	4.17	+0.46	18	33	+20	173
	Jamestown_AP	59	37	47	-4	0.55	4	2.25	-1.57	12	59	+22	238
	Olean	59	29	47	-2	1.59	5	4.44	+0.44	19	41	+23	207
	Perrysburg	60	32	47	-5	1.16	6	4.85	+1.57	13	39	+1	203
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	66	35	48	-3	0.98	5	3.12	-0.85	17	62	+31	239
	Elmira_Ag	68	30	48	-4	1.07	4	3.62	+0.32	15	54	+13	213
	Ithaca_Cornell_	64	27	47	-3	0.77	4	3.08	-0.63	16	48	+20	192
	Mecklenburg	60	26	44	-6	0.75	5	3.22	-0.59	18	35	+13	132
	Owego_3WSW	61	28	47	-5	0.73	4	3.24	-0.78	16	45	+12	196
	Whitney_Point_L	64	31	48	-4	0.80	5	2.89	-1.13	17	47	+14	194
Southeast	Bridgehampton	66	38	51	-2	2.19	3	5.14	+0.29	11	34	-6	231
	Carmel_4N	71	38	50	-5	2.75	4	5.42	+0.38	13	68	-10	273
	East_Jewett	71	29	44	-4	1.78	5	4.95	-0.36	16	31	+24	144
	Mohonk_Lake	71	36	51	-3	2.97	5	6.00	+1.14	16	79	+15	329
	Montgomery_NY_A	77	31	52	-2	2.94	4	5.74	+1.32	12	111	+58	346
	New_York_LGA	77	42	56	-2	5.47	4	8.43	+4.23	13	147	+20	438
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	73	38	51	-2	2.54	4	5.90	+1.52	12	93	+34	327
	Vanderbilt_Muse	75	40	54	0	3.51	3	6.42	+1.77	12	100	+33	354
	Walton	69	28	46	-6	0.95	5	4.02	-0.52	13	41	+7	169
	Yorktown_Height	77	37	52	-2	3.27	4	5.83	+0.83	12	98	+28	346

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.  
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## 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.*

### **Albany/Fulton/Hamilton/Montgomery/Schenectady/Schoharie Counties, Andrew Michael**

In the Schoharie Valley things are moving very slowly with some field work, some seeding, and some plantings being accomplished. In the rest of Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton Counties everything was basically at a standstill as it remains cold and damp over the entire region things are falling behind of schedule.

### **Broome County, Maria Heath**

Cool conditions for this time of year. Progress slow of planting.

### **Cortland/Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty**

Intermittent rain has halted much field progress. Some farms have started planting corn in the cold mud, most are waiting for warmer and drier weather.

### **Cayuga/Onondaga/Oswego Counties, Krista Tyrrell**

Conditions in all 3 counties remain very wet. Monday was the only day this week that it did not rain. Orchardists are out spraying. Some manure is spread.

### **Delaware County, Mariane Kiraly**

A cool, wet week kept field conditions wet.

### **Erie County, Emily Dechow**

Cool temperatures and light rains have prevented much field work in Erie County other than manure application.

### **Genesee/Niagara/Orleans Counties, Nathan Herendeen**

Very limited field activity. Some forage seedings and small grains planted on best drained soils.

### **Jefferson County, Mike Hunter**

Rain will once again limit the amount of tillage that will be done in the upcoming week.

### **Jefferson/Lewis County, Glenn Bullock**

Over 2 inches of rain fell this week and below normal temperatures.

### **Lewis County, Joe Lawrence**

Some field work was able to be done Monday and Tuesday. Rain starting Tuesday night and continuing on and off for the remainder of the week drastically limiting any other field work.

### **Madison County, Karen Baase**

Wet conditions kept most field activities at a standstill. Corn planting began on a very limited basis. At this point, extension colleagues in CNY won't begin measuring alfalfa heights for 1st cutting date projections until May 15.

### **Madison County, Jessica Pylman**

A lot of hay seeding have gone in as well as some small grains. Week was mostly wet but had parts of days that was still suitable for tillage.

### **Oneida County, William Paddock**

A couple days early last week were good to work in fields, but much of the week it rained and was cold 40's-50's. We have ample moisture and just need some sunshine and some more heat to really have things take off. Some more seedings went in this week and winter grains such as rye and triticale are looking very good, just waiting to explode and take off. Some more sweet corn has gone in but no conventional corn that I have heard of. Pastures in general are quite wet but in the mid to southern part of the county orchard grass is getting tall and I anticipate that some cows will be out early this week to start grazing. In the northern part of the county pastures are green and thick but due to cold nights they are not very tall yet. Would anticipate by the end of this week that cows will be out in the northern part of the county as well.

### **Ontario County, Joann Rogers**

Rain for most of the week in Ontario County delayed field work and most plantings.

### **Orange County, Ford Barber**

Field conditions are improving, though there were two days of heavy rain last week. Overall, crops continue to be approximately 2 weeks behind schedule. To date, only five percent of onion growers have reported completing planting this spring due to the late winter and wet ground.

### **Otsego County, Lisa Knapp**

New seeding and some corn field work has started, although delayed to cold and wet weather.

### **Saratoga/Rensselaer/ Warren/Washington Counties, David Holck**

We had a week with cold, cloudy, and rainy weather. Most farmers I have talked with agree that field work is 2 weeks behind normal. Hay fields have greened up, but there is very little growth. Normally first cutting harvest has started by the middle of May. It is hard to imagine that hay will be ready to cut by then. With the exception of a few farmers planting a few acres to make sure the planter is calibrated correctly, no field corn has been planted in our 4 counties.

### **Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar**

Cool temperatures and rain continued last week. Windy conditions may have helped dry some fields.

### **Suffolk County, Alice Wise**

Budbreak is just starting in Long Island vineyards. Shoots will grow quickly once warm weather arrives.

### **Suffolk County, Susan Gawlik**

1.87 inches of rain already in the month of May.

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