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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Good Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 5.5 days suitable for field work.

New York had a sunny warm week, allowing for high levels of field activity. There were lots of reports of tillage, planting, and application of fertilizer and manure. Though it's too early to tell in some areas, reports on winter wheat and hay are positive. It was also a *TREE*-mendous week for apples and sweet cherries, which really responded to the nice weather.

Field activities for the week include spreading manure and fertilizer, plowing and planting, spraying trees, repair and maintenance, and spring prep work.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 3, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	8	60	32
Subsoil	0	2	62	36

## Crop Conditions as of May 3, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
HAY, ALFALFA	0	6	53	34	7
HAY, OTHER	1	10	50	33	6
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	9	48	36	7
WINTER WHEAT	0	5	32	50	13

## Crop Progress as of May 3, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	29	14	24	5
BARLEY: PLANTED	10	<5	12	<5
CORN: PLANTED	5	0	<5	9
OATS: PLANTED	27	8	17	47
ONIONS DRY: PLANTED	20	<5	13	28
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	8	<5	8	11
APPLES: GREEN TIP	56	11	18	78
APPLES: PINK	16	0	0	61
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	30	<5	24	80
PEACHES: PINK	5	0	0	65
PEARS: GREEN TIP	35	6	33	82
PEARS: PINK	12	0	0	67
CHERRIES, SWEET: GREEN TIP	67	6	23	81
CHERRIES, TART: GREEN TIP	10	10	11	60

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## May 3, 2015 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		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	71	38	53	+3	0.04	1	2.05	-1.31	14	52	+23	214
	Highmarket	68	28	46	-2	0.00	0	4.02	-0.99	17	2	-9	87
	Hooker_12NNW	70	36	51	+6	0.03	1	2.82	-1.27	16	32	+30	186
	Lowville	69	36	49	+1	0.00	0	1.84	-1.69	11	14	-9	146
	Massena	75	33	53	+3	0.00	0	2.48	-0.73	12	50	+20	222
	Watertown_Intl	70	34	50	+2	0.00	0	1.69	-1.36	12	46	+23	211
Northeast	Indian_Lake	68	27	45	+1	0.03	2	3.45	+0.24	16	3	+3	65
	Malone	70	34	49	+2	0.06	2	2.73	-0.28	17	19	+11	143
	Newcomb	71	26	46	+2	0.06	1	2.74	-0.77	13	5	+5	85
	North_Creek	76	30	48	-2	0.03	1	3.05	-1.24	14	5	-13	112
	Plattsburgh_Int	71	33	51	+2	0.07	2	1.58	-1.69	14	34	+11	205
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	69	31	45	0	0.00	0	2.20	-1.33	10	6	+4	90
Western	Avon	72	33	50	0	0.02	1	2.29	-0.80	16	50	+17	235
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	70	37	51	-1	0.03	2	2.68	-0.66	17	69	+30	264
	Canandaigua_3S	72	38	52	+2	0.05	1	2.90	-0.45	15	61	+26	252
	Colden_1W	66	33	49	+1	0.13	2	4.36	+0.27	17	45	+26	214
	Dansville_AP	73	38	53	+3	0.02	1	2.61	-0.31	18	110	+73	335
	Geneva_Research	70	38	51	+1	0.02	1	2.52	-0.62	12	42	+7	218
	Rochester_NY	73	41	54	+3	0.00	0	2.70	-0.32	13	99	+60	311
	Warsaw	66	32	47	0	0.03	1	3.38	-0.29	16	24	+11	174
	Youngstown	76	35	52	+1	0.02	2	3.60	+0.87	18	56	+19	247
Central	Auburn_NY	72	37	51	0	0.08	1	3.71	+0.13	18	42	+2	227
	Boonville	71	33	49	+2	0.02	1	4.29	-0.72	16	14	+3	118
	Cooperstown	74	32	52	+5	0.00	0	3.51	-0.48	14	44	+29	219
	Fulton-Oswego	71	38	52	+3	0.00	0	3.31	-0.31	13	49	+18	233
	Oneonta	72	32	49	-2	0.00	0	3.07	-1.33	17	15	-15	154
	Sherburne	71	33	48	-2	0.00	0	3.30	-0.32	17	10	-13	166
	Syracuse_AP	73	40	54	+3	0.00	0	2.79	-0.93	14	74	+34	279
Eastern	Albany_County_A	76	41	56	+4	0.02	1	2.12	-1.46	12	96	+49	320
	Alcove_Dam	74	36	52	+3	0.07	1	3.09	-0.86	13	33	+7	215
	Brunswick_NY	74	42	54	+5	0.04	1	2.62	-1.68	14	54	+29	249
	Buskirk	73	32	49	-2	0.00	0	2.52	-1.78	12	16	-9	174
	Cobleskill	70	31	49	-2	0.02	1	2.00	-1.38	12	9	-14	139
	Peck_Lake	68	32	47	-3	0.02	1	4.34	+0.02	17	5	-17	78
	Saratoga_Spring	73	37	52	-2	0.00	0	1.83	-2.16	11	32	-17	190
Southwest	Alfred	73	29	48	+1	0.05	1	3.74	+0.33	18	22	+9	193
	Bath	72	33	50	+1	0.00	0	3.71	+0.77	16	39	+14	220
	Corning	71	27	48	-3	0.02	1	3.74	+0.80	16	20	-5	170
	Franklinville	69	29	45	-3	0.05	1	3.28	-0.32	18	15	+4	160
	Jamestown_AP	66	36	48	-3	0.08	2	2.84	-0.87	18	54	+21	240
	Olean	72	28	48	+1	0.02	1	3.73	-0.16	17	30	+15	211
	Perrysburg	70	30	47	-4	0.16	1	4.24	+1.05	14	44	+10	230
Southeast	Bridgehampton	71	36	50	-3	0.00	0	1.82	-2.90	12	28	-8	232
	Carmel_4N	70	38	52	-3	0.00	0	2.66	-2.23	12	36	-36	244
	East_Jewett	71	25	46	0	0.07	1	3.78	-1.37	17	2	-3	114
	Mohonk_Lake	76	42	57	+4	0.00	0	2.89	-1.80	12	104	+46	346
	Montgomery_NY_A	77	39	56	+5	0.00	0	2.40	-1.87	11	119	+71	343
	New_York_LGA	76	47	58	+2	0.00	0	2.10	-1.97	9	173	+54	456
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	76	36	55	+3	0.00	0	3.83	-0.40	14	87	+33	306
	Vanderbilt_Muse	76	40	54	-2	0.00	0	1.88	-2.73	12	102	+19	349
	Walton	72	32	48	-3	0.05	1	4.12	-0.28	18	10	-20	151
	Yorktown_Height	74	40	54	0	0.00	0	2.56	-2.28	11	71	+7	305

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:**

Here in central eastern NY, Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie, Schenectady and Albany counties in the valleys plowing is underway, hay seedings are going in and I heard of corn being planted, have not seen that myself. In the uplands it is finally drying out so that plowing will begin.

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

Good weather promoted a lot of field work. Warm weather has spurred on growth of grass and trees budding. Fields drying out quickly with the warmth and wind.

### **Cayuga County, Keith Severson:**

Just warming up so we can get started here

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

Oswego County remains wet with some large piles of snow still present in cooler, shaded areas. Onondaga and Cayuga County producers have been very busy this week with spreading manure and some field work. Temperatures and sunshine this week have helped get things started!

### **Columbia/ Dutchess/ Greene/ Putnam/ Ulster/ Westchester Counties, Sandra Ferry:**

The weather was beautiful this past week and this week looks even better. Orchards are busy spraying as most trees are in green tip or later. The new seedings and small grains are being planted and some corn is in the ground. With little rain predicted for the coming week there will be a great deal of field work getting done.

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

A week of dry, beautiful weather has field work moving along. Plowing and disking, seedings being planted, corn just starting to go in. Top soil starting to get dry in some areas while wet pockets remain in others.

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

Fence fixing, tillage and spring grains going in as weather warmed and fields dried up. Pastures are later than usual by 1-2 weeks.

### **Erie County, Emily M Dechow:**

Above average temps and clear days allowed field work to progress in Erie County this week.

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

Rapid increase in field activity - planting oats, barley, peas, forage crop seedings and corn. Wheat and alfalfa growing rapidly.

### **Livingston County, Dean R Pendergast:**

Field conditions have improved greatly and several planters have hit the field.

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

The weather has been very co-operative and we've seen a lot of ground turned over and planted in the last week.

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

What great week! Farmers are really out and going at it now. We are seeing lots of tillage going on now. Lots of discing, chisel and mold board plowing going on. We have not heard or seen any corn in the ground yet, but we are seeing lots of hay and oat seedings in. Winter wheat is very green and a number of farmers are or would like to put nitrogen on the wheat very soon. Too early still to get an idea of how alfalfa and hay stands made it through winter. We could really use a nice easy all day rain though as the topsoil is becoming quite dry.

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

Ontario County had a very busy week with field preparation, spreading manure and some early planting of corn and soybeans.

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

We had a total of 2.1 inches of rain for April and no rain at all last week. Farmers have been able to get in new seedings and a little corn has been planted. We could use some rain to bring on the first cutting hay and help germinate the new seedings.

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

Field work is finally in full progress and planting has begun!

### **Suffolk County, Alice V Wise:**

On Long Island, Young vines and vineyards on lighter soils have considerable budswell. Budbreak is not far off.