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NEW YORK: An exceptionally warm January made outside activities and chores much easier than normal. Little of any snow cover existed in most regions and the lack of ice on ponds and lakes forced the cancellation of many events. Major activities included caring for livestock, repairing machinery, attending meetings, grading and packing apples, potatoes and onions, and planning for the coming season. Maple producers began readying equipment much earlier than usual due to the warm weather being experienced.