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**NEW YORK:** Days suitable: 2.8. pasture condition 46% very poor, 15% poor, 21% fair, 11% good, and 7% excellent. Soil moisture 62% adequate, 38% surplus. Rain, snow and cold weather has limited fieldwork in northern areas. Field preparations began in southern areas with many farms spreading manure followed by disking and plowing. Fence repairs and machinery maintenance continued. On Long Island peas, potatoes, onions and sweet corn under plastic are some of the crops being planted. Winegrowers on Long Island were finishing up with trellis work and tying vines to fruiting wire. Temperatures averaged below normal by as much as 6 degrees in all regions except Long Island which was 1 degree above normal. Rainfall ranged from 0.14 to 1.14 inches with most areas receiving below normal amounts.