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**NEW YORK:** Days suitable: 5.6. Pasture condition 19% very poor, 17% poor, 29% fair, 33% good, and 2% excellent. Soil moisture 1% very short, 12% short, 78% adequate, 9% surplus. Field preparations began in many areas with 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. Apples were at 90% green tip or earlier, 13% half inch green, 5% full bloom, 0% petal fall. Temperatures averaged in the mid 40's throughout the state. Rainfall ranged from 0.01 to .38 inches with most areas receiving below normal amounts.